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October Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. We are now well into the Autumn Term and the children have settled back into Nursery very well. The older children are remembering our daily routines and are helping the new and younger children to adapt and learn about life with us.

**Nut Policy** A reminder that we are a 'Nut Free School'. We have pupils and a staff member with severe nut allergies on site, and we therefore ask that you do not send in nuts or products containing nuts of any kind to nursery. We also have a child in the Nursery with a severe allergy to **oranges** and we therefore ask that you do not put oranges, satsumas or tangerines in your child's lunch box.



If your child has pasta or yogurt in their lunchbox can you provide them with a spoon to eat it with, and if they have grapes to eat ensure that these are cut in half lengthways to make them easier to eat. We thank you for your cooperation with these matters.



Please remember to check our lost property box every time you come into nursery, as we have only been back a few weeks and it is already overflowing. It is situated by the main entrance door. Named items may also be in this box as we do not have an alternative place to keep belongings that have been left behind.

A child has had a pair of blue unicorn leggings go missing, if these have been taken home by mistake please could you drop them back into us.

Please label everything that comes into the nursery, as many of the children have the same interests so we often have lots of the same coat, rucksack, lunchbox and drinks container. An item being named helps the staff at busy times, and ensures that you go home with your own items.



If you have not yet returned your Consent Form for personal data and the new GDPR regulations please could you do so by the end of the week so that we can keep our records up to date.



Tapestry is an electronic system we use in the Nursery to show your child's development and progression. If you are a new parent, an email will be sent out in the next couple of weeks for you to activate your account. We encourage parents to add their own pictures and observations to this journal.

If any medicine is bought into nursery for us to administer during the day please ensure it is handed to a member of staff and that a Medication Form is completed, it must not stay in your child's bag. We can only administer medicine that has been prescribed by your GP.



The nursery lunch order is now every three weeks, the orders are electronic and we cannot add extra meals so please check the deadline and order as soon as possible so that your child is not disappointed if they cannot have a cooked meal. Please order with care and **ONLY ORDER FOR THE DAYS OF THE WEEK THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS NURSERY**, orders that are made in error may be charged for.



Can we remind parents that NO mobile phones are to be brought into the nursery. We have noticed parents using their phones in the nursery setting when dropping off and collecting their child, please only use your phones when away from the school site.

Half term is just around the corner and the nursery stays open for the week, we have some extra sessions available so if you require any one off sessions in half term please see myself or Caroline. The sessions available are on a first come first served basis so for more information or to book please pop in to the nursery office.

A reminder that if you receive the 30 Hours Extended Entitlement, it is your responsibility to re-confirm your eligibility every 3 months, before the end date of your funding. Failure to do so may mean you have to pay for any hours over the Universal amount of 15 hours per week.



Log in to your childcare account every 3 months to check your details are up to date. Go to [gov.uk/childcareaccount](http://gov.uk/childcareaccount)



We will be holding parent meetings in week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> October, these meetings are for a maximum of 10 minutes for you to chat with your child's keyworker about your child. The booking form will be put up in the nursery foyer next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October for you to book your time slot. Please take note of the days that the nursery staff work so you only book in on a day that your child's keyworker is here (these details will also be on the whiteboard).

Dates for your Diary:

22 – 26 October 2018	Parent Meetings
29 October- 2 November 2018	Half Term for term time children
5 November 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of the Autumn Term starts
11 December 2018	Nativity (For school leavers only)
17 December 2018	Reports to go out
21 December 2018	Last day of term for ALL children
24 December-4 January 2019	<b>NURSERY CLOSED</b>
7 January 2019	Spring term starts

If you have any queries, questions, or anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and see me or a member of my team.

Kind regards

Gemma Maxwell  
Nursery Manager

