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## November Newsletter



Dear Parents

We hope you had a lovely half term break and welcome you and your child back. This will be a busy half term preparing for our Nativity, and although the performance is only for those children going to school next year, all the nursery children will be practising our Christmas songs together.



We have still 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. Can we remind parents that mobile phones are not to be brought into the nursery.

A gentle reminder of our session times, we open at **7.30am** for our long full day/short full day 1 sessions and our short full day 2 session starts at **9.00am**, our main session finishes at **3.00pm** and we close at **5.45pm**. Our staff are employed around these hours, and we don't have enough staff for the correct staff/child ratio if children arrive early, or stay later than their session time, so please adhere to your child's correct session times. If you need to pre-arrange anything different, please come and see me and if we can help you out we will.

During collection time at 3.00pm we have circle time for all children, please pick your child up quietly so as not to disturb the remainder of the children who are still sitting on the carpet, and who are trying to concentrate on the story or the singing that they are doing. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

The main inner door to the nursery is always locked for security. Please be aware that above the table where you sign the register is a 'reception' button. When you press this, it rings in the main nursery to alert the staff that you are waiting to enter.

If we haven't yet had all the necessary photographs of people on your child's collection form can you let us have them as soon as possible, please write your child's name on the back, along with the name of the person photographed.



Please remember to check our lost property box every time you come in to nursery, 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 reminder that the school car park is only for blue badge holder use for school and nursery pick up and drop off for the main school day. (Those attending Kingfishers breakfast and after school club, or after school activity clubs school can use the school car park, but please do not park in the yellow disabled bays unless you are a blue badge holder). Please also be courteous to our local community and ensure that you do not park blocking driveways and access.



We are making a musical wall for our garden, and we are asking for donations of any old or new pots, pans or cake tins etc that you no longer need so that we can add them to it. We will be hanging them from our musical pallet, we also need wooden spoons as musical beaters if you have any of these spare please bring them in.

Tapestry is up and running now, and we hope you enjoy looking at what your children have been up to as much as we do, we would also like to thank all parents who came to see their child's keyworker during Parent week.

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)



The school have their individual photographs tomorrow, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, this does not include nursery children as previously planned. Nursery photos will be arranged separately and the date will be confirmed in due course.

Dates for your Diary:

30 November 2018	School Christmas Fayre 2.30pm-4.30pm
12 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 for ALL children</b>
7 January 2019	Spring term starts
18 February – 22 February 2019	Half term for term time children
25 February 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of the 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

