

**Newsletter September 2022**

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Welcome to our September newsletter, and as always, a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us recently. Here at Kirkgate Childcare, we know that regular communication between nursery and parents is vital which is why we work hard to keep parents and carers up to date with what is happening at our magical little nursery. With this in mind all our nursery newsletters are available to view on [our website](#)

**What have we been learning in September .....**



The children have all spent this month either settling back in following the summer break or settling into their new environment and meeting their new key workers. All the children have done exceptionally well on their settling visits and we know they are all going to love their new nursery.

The children have all enjoyed making the most of our outdoor area and lovely new book nook with interest developing in gross motor movements, balancing, small world, dinosaurs, we've seen lots of lovely imaginative play developing and creating some culinary delights in the mud kitchen as well as outings to The Orchard, The Library and to pick our pumpkins at the allotment.

The children have enjoyed many opportunities to explore lots of creative and messy play, such as painting, playdough and foam.

We have also spoken a lot about the passing of Queen Elizabeth the II, having a new King and what it means for our country, we've made crowns, had tea parties and lots of children watched the funeral, discussed the soldiers and what they saw with great detail.

**SELF REGISTRATION**

We would like to remind parents that children are now required to **bring in their own water bottle to nursery that they will take home at the end of the session**. Parents should come into nursery to help their child with the **question of the day**. As part of self registration parents should encourage their child to **collect their tag from their peg, put it on their bottle and answer the question of the day as they enter nursery**.

Their bottle can then be left on the windowsill. When being collected **at the end of the session children should take their bottle home and place their tag back on their peg for the following day**.

**Childcare  
Choices**

If your child turns three between **1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> December** you may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare for 38 weeks of the year, for the term starting on or after the **1<sup>st</sup> January**.

The recommended time to apply is **15<sup>th</sup> October to the 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Funding can be applied for anytime from when your child is **2 years and 36 weeks old** and you must have a valid code by the end of the month before a new term starts.

**If you already receive funding please remember to re confirm – we are not able to claim funding unless your code is valid**  
[Click for more information](#)

**Applying for School**

If you have a child born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

They are due to start school in September. The 2023 primary school application round will open no later than the 12 October 2022 and **the deadline to apply is 15 January 2023**.

[Click for more information](#)

**PARKING CONE**

For our new parents if you arrive at nursery and the car park is full, we have allocated spaces next to the nursery door, if you see a yellow cone in the space this is to reserve a space for parents dropping off or collecting children. Please feel free to move the cone when parking and place it back once you leave.

## REMINDERS

### Cool Packs

Please remember to place a cool pack in your child's lunch box to keep it fresh for lunch – please also label lunchboxes as we have several children with the same ones.

### Labelling Clothes

To avoid items being lost, please can you ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled including their coats, hats, scarves and wellies. This helps us to re-unite lost items with their owners

### Walking to nursery

Please can we remind all walking parents not to access or leave nursery using the car entry ramp, Parents must use the pedestrian entrance at the front of the OGS. The car entry ramp is unsafe for pedestrians due to a blind spot when cars turn in.

### GRAPES

Please ensure that grapes are cut lengthways in half when children are bringing them for lunch. Grapes are the perfect size to block a child's airway when left whole.

### Own Toys

Please ensure that your child does not bring toys from home into nursery, this is to avoid items being lost and to stop other children becoming upset.

### Outings

If you would like to help out on any of our outings please speak to your child's key person.

### Dates for your diary

**HALF TERM** 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

#### Parent Consultation Week

1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 (4-6pm) please see individual key persons for the evening they are in nursery.

#### Staff training days:

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Christmas party day:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – *invites to follow*

**Nursery closed:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

**Re-opening** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022



### Welcome Teresa.....

By now you should have all met our lovely new Childcare Practitioner Teresa. Teresa has worked with all ages of children in nurseries and primary school and has a very calming influence on the children.

Teresa brings with her lots of knowledge in special educational needs and behaviour management.

### October Holidays

The October holidays are creeping up upon us already and with more children taking up an all year round place this academic year if you have a term time only place and know you require holiday care please speak to Kim or Dawn ASAP to book a place.

### Late Collections

Many of our staff have other commitments and/or their own children outside of Kirkgate Childcare which means they do need to leave on time when finishing work. We know lots of families enjoy speaking about their child's day with key persons and whilst we will always try our best to give you a detailed handover. However, if you come at 5pm this won't be possible,

*If you would like to speak to your child's key person, we would advise arriving before 5pm to allow time for this and ensure staff leave on time to avoid being late for their own children.*

#### From our terms and conditions

"Kirkgate Childcare closes **at 5.00pm.** any collections after this time will be charged and persistent lateness will be discussed on an individual basis with the nursery owner and/or managers. Late collection can impact on our ability to ensure sufficient staff to support all children and impacts on staff commitments outside of working hours"

COMING SOON TO A HOME NEAR YOU....**EVERYWHERE BEAR**



Our Everywhere Bear is excited to begin his adventures over the next academic year and will choose a new child to home with every week. During the everywhere bears stay with please take some photos and send them to [kirkgatechildcarePP@outlook.com](mailto:kirkgatechildcarePP@outlook.com) and Kate will update his learning journal. Everywhere Bear is just happy to come home with you, don't feel like you must do anything adventurous.

*We'd love your feedback*  
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We greatly value your feedback on our magical little place for children, most of our new families come to visit through word of mouth and because of our reputation.

If you haven't left a review and would like to these can be left on Facebook or by sending us an email to [kirkgatechildcare@outlook.com](mailto:kirkgatechildcare@outlook.com)

And we will add them to our website.

Many Thanks

