
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome

Welcome to our September newsletter, and as always, a very warm welcome to all the new families who have recently joined us. Each term we send a newsletter to our families to share details of all the news and events that have or will take place, we hope you find the newsletter useful and informative.

Healthy Early Years Award

As a team we are working towards becoming accredited with the "healthy early years" award.

We do lots of things to ensure your child has a healthy start in life from healthy snacks, lots of outdoor play, growing our own vegetables at the allotment, developmental movement play, yoga and dentist visits to name but a few.

This award is very similar to what schools follow and we have to be seen to be following the guidance set and be able to evidence how we promote healthy early years.

As part of this we have to be offering children safe drinks only (by safe we mean safe for teeth) - we have seen a huge increase in children bringing juice in their water bottles over the last term and as we start a new one. With this in mind we will no longer be allowing juice in nursery unless there is a medical need and you can talk about this with your child's key person, please ensure you send your child with water only. We know some parents worry that their children won't drink plain water so as an alternative they can bring flavoured water.



Lets talk lunchboxes



With lots of new families joining us we thought we would share our lunchbox blog which has helped many parents over the years to provide a healthy, well balanced, and nutritious lunch as per our healthy eating policy because let's face it planning lunches every day is hard!! A healthy balanced diet can develop concentration and high levels of involvement.

One main concern for lots of our parents is fussy eaters but it is extremely common for young children to become fussy with their food or uninterested, they would rather be playing or occupying themselves away from the table.

Our lunch times are not rushed, they are calm and fun so it could be the perfect time to introduce a new food or two into your child's diet.

Click [HERE](#) to view our lunchbox blog, where you will find lots of fun new ideas.

If you like what you do, leave a review

As a setting we are very lucky that we have never had to advertise nursery spaces. Most of our families visit through word of mouth so we would like to thank all our wonderful families. Lots of families read our reviews so we would love it, if you could spare five minutes to write a review on our Google reviews. [Leave a review](#)

Diary Dates

[View our diary dates here](#)

What do I need in my bag?

We do ask that each child brings their own bag to be placed on their peg with a few essentials for their day at nursery!

We ask that where possible children use a drawstring bag to save on space, if you have already purchased a rucksack, we don't expect you purchase a new one we just ask that you place rucksacks underneath the pegs.

Here's a list of a few things your child will need:

- **Spare clothes** (a couple of changes should be enough to warrant messy play and nappy/toileting accidents, we do ask that this doesn't include any precious clothing as we like to get messy and wouldn't want anything to get ruined)
- **Wipes** – we don't provide wipes for nappy changes
- **Nappy cream** if needed
- **Comforters** we will always try our best to ensure all items are returned safely home. We would highly recommend labelling your child's things, however, as this helps us to remember which child they belong to!

We have lots of children to remember which item belongs to each and without labels it can cause delays at the end of the day. We would hate for anything to get lost.

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party will be held on Friday 20th December, an invite and further information will follow shortly. As with all previous year's children's hours will be slightly amended on this day to enable all children to attend the Christmas party, children where possible should be collected by 3.15pm to see Santa in his grotto.



starting school September 2025

If your child is due to start school in September 2025, you will need to apply for their primary school place.

Applications open from **12th October 2024** and close on the **15th of January 2025**. National offer day for primary school is **16th April 2025**.

More information can be found by clicking the [LINK](#) Top Tips

- You should use all your choices to give your child the best chance of being offered a school you want.
- Each school has their own set of rules that they use to decide which children to offer a place to, you should read the admissions policy of the schools you want to apply for.
- Open days or evenings give you the opportunity to visit the school and decide if it's right for your child, you'll be able to speak to key staff and ask any questions you might have.
- Look at school websites to find out more information about each one.

Key Reminders

Weather Appropriate Clothing

With the cooler months upon us, please can you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for colder and wetter weather.

Absence

Please note that we are unable to swap days or offer an alternative day if your child is absent from nursery. We are now extremely busy, and it is impossible for us to do this for all children. This is stated in our terms and conditions. Thank you for your co-operation.

Drop Off and Collection

Can we kindly remind you that we open at 7.30 am and close at 5.00 pm and any parents who pick up

after this time will be charged. The same applies to our 12.30pm collection.

Lunchboxes

Please ensure your child's lunchbox includes an icepack and is clearly labelled.

Wipes

If your child wears nappies, please remember these must be provided along with a packet of baby wipes.

Birthday Treats

Children are always welcome to bring in a treat to celebrate their birthdays, the only thing we don't allow is lollypops. We will place sweets in the entrance with the birthday child.

Waiting List

Please note we are full until September 2025. We will always try to help families with sessions but on occasions we may have to say no to requests.

We are taking bookings from families as far as 2026/27

If your child is going to be with us from Sept 2025 and you wish to increase days/times.

Please let me Dawn know asap.



Childcare Choices

If you are eligible and in receipt of additional 3- & 4-year-old funding, look out for a prompt every three months from HMRC to reconfirm your details so that your eligibility can be re-assessed, we spend a lot of time reminding parents to reconfirm so they don't lose access to funding via individual emails, Facebook, website and face to face reminders.

If you do not do this, please note that we are unable to claim the funding on your behalf and fees will become payable by parents as per their funding agreement.

[To find out more click here](#)



Car Park - Yellow Cone



We have one allocated parking space for parents for drop off and pick up. If you arrive at nursery and the car park is full, please feel free to move the cone to park.

Please place the cone back once leaving to allow other parents to park.