



Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome yourselves and your children to our Butterfly Nursery. We are all really looking forward to getting to know the children and seeing them grow and develop during their time here. These are a few important things that you will need to know and to help your child settle into their new Nursery...

Meet the staff

Butterflies:

Mrs Kelly, Miss Pendleton, Miss Storey, Miss French, Miss Stevenson, Mrs Nairns

Caterpillars:

Mrs Malthouse, Mrs Galley, Miss Garthwaite.

Next week you will receive a letter to inform you who your child's Key Worker is and a little bit about them.

Outdoor learning

In Nursery there are lots of opportunities for learning through play. This will include outdoor learning (in all weathers) and some messy play. Please can you make sure that your child brings a bag of spare clothes to Nursery with them daily. It would really help if all clothing is clearly labelled. If possible, we also ask that children in Butterflies bring a pair of wellies that can be left in Nursery for outdoor play.

Library books

Each Wednesday your child will bring home a library book that they have chosen in Nursery. Please read this book to your child at home and talk about the story together. They will keep the book at home for a week and return it to Nursery the following Wednesday. Read the story as many times as you can during the week. Re-reading the same story more than once will help your child to become familiar with the story. Encourage them to join in when reading the book together or retell the story to another family member. During library time at Nursery they will be encouraged to talk about the book they have been reading at home that week.

Star of the week

In Butterflies each group will choose a child to be their 'Star of the week.' If your child is chosen as star of the week they will receive a certificate and also bring home their group's teddy to look after for the weekend. We would love it if you could take some photographs of your child with the teddy and stick them into the journal that they will also bring home with them. This will give your child the opportunity to talk about what they have done with their group in Nursery, developing their speech and language skills and confidence. Please return the teddy and journal on your child's first nursery session the following week.

Show and tell

Speaking and listening is an important part of your child's development and we encourage the children

to engage in conversations with adults and friends as much as possible. If your child has been somewhere or done something that they would like to tell us about please encourage them to bring something into nursery that they can show us and talk about. This could be a photograph, ticket or leaflet from somewhere they have been or a certificate from a club that they go to (no toys please).

Song of the week

Each week your child will bring home the words to our song/nursery rhyme of the week. Please sing the songs together at home. Songs and nursery rhymes will help your child in lots of ways including language development, early literacy skills and social skills.

Family portraits and baby photographs

During the first half term we will be talking about ourselves and our families. We would like to display photographs of the children's families in their group areas. This will help them to feel settled in their new environment and also give them the opportunity to talk about their home and families. We would also like to look at photographs of when the children were babies and will discuss what they can do now that they couldn't do when they were a baby Please could you send a family photograph and a baby photograph into Nursery with your child as soon as you can.

Term Time and Holidays

The new School Holiday Timetable for the academic year 2022/2023 can be found on the school website along with the training days identified.

Breakfast Club

The Munch Bunch Club is open from 7.30am each morning and led by Mrs Field and Miss Miller. The cost is £4.00 per day. Please enquire at the main office if you would like to use this facility. Please note this is the school breakfast club and takes place in the hall.

<u>Collecting your child Reminder</u> - for safeguarding reasons, please notify us if someone other than the usual adult is to collect your child/ren.

Data Collection

Current details we have for your child/ren, printed from our computer system, will be sent out this week. Please check all of the details and then send the form back into school by Monday 12^{th} September so that we can update your details. Please ensure that the emergency contact number you give will be able to help the school in an emergency situation if we are unable to contact the other given numbers.

If your contact details change, please inform the main office straight away.

Earrings

Earrings and jewellery are not allowed to be worn in nursery.

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 23rd September pupils can choose to wear their jeans (and non-uniform) to help raise money for the charity 'Jeans for Genes.' This costs £2 and all proceeds will be donated to help to improve the lives of children with life altering genetic disease.

Children in Need Day

On Friday 18^{th} November pupils can come into nursery in their pyjama's/onesies for the cost of £2 to raise money for Children in Need. Pupils will receive a biscuit and juice.

