

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter

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Welcome



Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. May we take this opportunity to thank you for the generous gifts, cards and good wishes we received! It was really kind and is very much appreciated.

As we begin our second term of nursery we are really pleased with the progress that the children have already made and will continue to make! They are increasingly independent and we ask you to continue to encourage this as they bring their own belongings into nursery in the morning, hang up their own coats and continue to practise fastening them!

As you are aware Miss Callaghan is on long term jury duty but will be back with us towards the end of this term. She has popped in to say hello and is really missing being with us! Mrs Carroll (Miss Potts was unable to cover long term) has been working with us and will continue to do so until Miss Callaghan returns.

We are very busy at nursery so please keep checking the school website for updates and pictures of what we get up to!

If you wish to speak to a member of the nursery team we are available at the start or end of each day, but please be aware that these are busy times so it may be best to make an appointment, especially if you want to speak to us at length.

We appreciate all of your support and look forward to getting to know you even better as the year progresses.



Topic

As you are aware in nursery we very much work within the children's interests!

The start of the year has already seen children painting penguins which led onto discussions about winter, other polar animals and how ice is made!

Outside the children have built a 'dinosaur world'! Adding natural objects such as twigs and leaves the children were keen to find out what dinosaurs ate and made signs to keep others away from the 'scary dinosaurs!'

Please keep us informed of any interests your children have outside of nursery so that we can follow these as well as interests we are discovering in nursery! You can inform us of these by note, email or in person. We are always very excited to see / hear about the things the children have been doing at home so don't be afraid to tell us!

Whatever interest we are following we will make sure there are opportunities for the children to develop their communication and language skills, physical development and personal, social and emotional development as well as their marking making and counting!

This term we will be really encouraging the children to put on and fasten their own coats! Wizzy Wizard has special certificates for those who can do this!

General News



Snacks:

Fruit and milk are provided for all children so no extra snack is required. Children also have their own water bottles which they can access at any point during the day. Please note these should have **WATER ONLY** in them.

Clothing:

All children should wear school uniform. **Please ensure every item of your child's clothing is labelled** – including coats, shoes, hats, scarves and gloves. The children have access to the outdoor area whatever the weather so it is always a good idea to send a coat with a hood – even on a seemingly dry day! Children will also need a pair of wellies to be kept in school.

Being independent!:

Please encourage your child to dress and undress independently, including fastening coats and tying shoe laces. Your child should also begin to cut their own food using a knife and fork. We would also ask for your support in encouraging the children to carry their own belongings into school in the morning and put them away in the correct places.

Attendance / Punctuality:

The school day begins at 8.45am and classroom doors will be closed at 8.55am, after that your child should come into school through the main entrance. Please bring your child to school on time every day! The schools attendance target for each child is 95%!