



# Nursery Newsletter 2019

## Autumn 1



### Hello!

We are so excited to be starting a new school year in Nursery! We are really looking forward to working with the children and getting to know everyone!

We understand that starting Nursery is a big step for you and your children, so if you have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you,

Mrs Owens and Mrs Taylor



### This half term...

Our main priority for the initial few weeks is ensuring your children settle into Nursery. We will be focusing on prime areas and supporting children in their play, encouraging sharing, taking turns and polite communication. We will take this opportunity to get to know the children a little better too, helping to build their confidence and develop friendships.

Our topic for the term is called 'Do you want to be friends?' The topic focuses on friendship, people who help us and the similarities and differences between ourselves and the people around us. We are looking forward to taking part in some wonderful activities which will help develop friendships, co-operation and social skills.

In Nursery we use the Letters and Sounds Phonics scheme. This involves learning and practising new sounds through games, action songs and rhymes. We will send out more information later in the year about how you can help support your child with this at home.

To help develop fine motor skills and your child's pencil grip we will be encouraging lots of mark making so expect some beautiful drawings and paintings in the upcoming weeks. When the children are ready, we will begin to work on their pencil grip and practising mark making with control.

In Maths, we will be focusing on rote counting, 1:1 counting, number songs and basic shapes.

### Useful reminders

#### Reading at home

Please encourage your child to use the Nursery Library. Please fill in a reading record booklet and keep a log of the books your child has read. Please let us know when your child has read 24 books and they will receive a certificate!

#### Make it, Bake it!

The children will bake something delicious each week which will link to our theme or topic. We also have plenty of crafty activities planned to keep us busy! To support this, a contribution of 50p per week would be greatly appreciated. This would help significantly with cooking ingredients and materials.

#### Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons while inside the school site please can children push scooters and bikes.

#### School uniform

Please ensure your child wears: black school shoes; white polo shirt; royal blue jumper or cardigan; black/grey school trouser/shirt/pinafore; hair accessories – school colours; no nail varnish or make-up. **Please add names inside clothing, and shoes as they can go missing from time to time.**

### Dates

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – photograph day

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**- Stay and Play

Morning Nursery 10:30am

Afternoon Nursery 2:00pm

Nursery Halloween party to take place during am and pm Nursery sessions.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** - Break up for half term

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Baby sale 10am – 12.30pm (run by APPI) dinner hall

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Back to school