



Term 1 - September 2019

Welcome to all new and existing families.

I hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for the busy term ahead! It is lovely to see all the Nursery leavers looking so happy and settled in school.

Thank you very much for all your kind gifts for the staff, we really appreciate them.

The Nursery has had a make-over, over the summer and doesn't it look fantastic? I would like to say a massive thank you to Becky and her family for stripping back the wildlife area and preparing it ready for use this term and for the internal decoration and new art cupboards that have been put up in the main room. A massive thank you also goes to Aaron, (Jack's Dad) Andrei, (Luka's Dad) and my family for helping me to paint the entire exterior of the building and making it more visually appealing and child friendly.

If you would like to have a sneaky peak at the wildlife area please ask me!

We are also currently updating our website so watch this space for our new look and bear with us whilst work is carried out!

We are advertising for a new member of staff to join our happy team so please ask around or if you are interested in a new challenge please contact me for more information and an application form.

At the Nursery we encourage independence as this helps children prepare for transition to school, so please be patient with them at home as they practice skills such as putting on shoes, coats and hats!

Morning groups will start soon with all children engaging in a range from handwriting, maths, literacy, guided reading and phonics.

Please join us in congratulating Chelsea Gale who has been promoted to All Stars and Nursery Deputy Manager starting September 2019.

The Nursery have not increased their fees for 3 years so will be increasing them this term to £4.50 per hour for 3 years olds and £5.00 per hour for 2 year olds.

We understand that people's circumstances can change so please inform me of any changes to your personal information as soon as possible so that I can update your records.

Just as a reminder we are a **NO NUT** Nursery. We ask that parents bring in snack items weekly, these can be fresh fruit/veg or other healthy snacks such as bread sticks, cheesy crackers, dried fruit and cheese.

We also ask that no sweets or chocolate bars are put in lunch boxes and that grapes and cherry tomatoes are cut in half. Please ensure all drink bottles contain only water!

For birthday treats, if you would like to bring in cakes or biscuits, that would be great, but please be very careful to check the ingredients for nuts beforehand.

The children have pegs and trays so please check and empty them regularly. Please also remember to bring in at least two changes of clothes and nappies/wipes if needed and if your child is wearing Nursery clothes, please wash and return them as soon as possible.

There is a lost property box in the cloakroom, so please keep checking to see if any of your child's items are in there. Please could all children's clothing be **NAMED** to ensure that they are returned to the correct child.

Please could all children bring in waterproof clothing and wellies (we do have spare wellies available) for muddy conditions as we will be splashing in muddy puddles in our new wildlife area.

Thank you very much for completing last term's survey. From reviewing them it has come to my attention that you would like more progress meetings for your children. We currently offer three written reviews a year plus one parent's evening, cheese and wine event (to discuss progress and meet other parents) and a report on leaving the setting. Staff are always available to discuss progress with you on drop off and collection but for a longer discussion please ring or email to arrange a meeting.

Fundraising events this term - Watch this space for the Fundraising Newsletter!

Please preview Horspath Nurseries Amazon wish list at:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3KHCOFG9IYRLO?ref_=wl_share

Reminder: Please shut the gate on arrival or departure. Staff will lock and unlock the gate as necessary.

The New Adventure Playground should not be used after school hours and should not be used by Nursery children.

Learning Journeys are in the cloakroom for your child, we will put information in them from time to time and please feel free to add anything if you would like to.

Please feel free to look at the Committee & Fundraising Minutes in folders on the side in cloakroom by the piggy bank.

Topics for this term are as follows:

Settling
Emotions
Senses
Harvest
Sand/Water
Autumn
All About Me
Halloween

Don't forget if you would like to purchase Nursery t-shirts or sweatshirts, we have limited supplies. They cost £5 per t-shirt and £10 per Sweatshirt. We also have Nursery bags at £5 and drinks bottles at £4.

Toby Ted will be starting to come home with children but can children please bring him in the following day.

Dates for your Diary:

Committee Meeting Mon 23 Sept at 7:30pm
Harvest Festival 20 Oct 19 at 11am (St Giles Church) more info to follow
Halloween Party 25 Oct 19 (more info to follow)
Oct Half term W.C: 28 Oct - 1 Nov 19 incl.
Christmas Hol: 20 Dec - 3 Jan 20
Inset day: Mon 6 Jan 2020
Nursery opens 7 Jan 2020
Feb Half Term W.C: 17 - 21 Feb 20
Easter Hol: 6 - 17 April 20 incl.
May Day Bank Hol: 8 May 20
May Half term W.C: 25 - 29 May 20
Inset Day: 3 July 20
Inset Days: 20 - 21 July 20
Summer Hol: 22 July 20 onwards
Early warning
Easter Play Scheme Mon 6 Apr-Thurs 9 Apr 20 incl.
Summer Play Scheme 27 Jul-7 Aug 20 incl.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff with any worries or queries please do not hesitate to approach us or phone / email to make an appointment.

Kind regards

Joanne Horne