

November 2023 Newsletter

Theme Days:



The next theme day will be 'Wear something bright for Bonfire Night'. Children are invited to come to nursery in their brightest, sparkly and most colourful outfits – like a firework. This will take place on Friday 3rd November 2023, with a voluntary donation going towards our Festive celebrations.

Also, on Friday 17th November 2023, in support of Children in Need, children are invited to come to nursery in their best spotty clothes. Donations are welcome.



Reception Class Applications:

If your child's date of birth is between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 then now is the time to apply for their Reception Class School.

School applications are now open and will close on 15th January 2024. You must apply before this date!

Only online applications are being accepted at this time. To apply please visit: www.slough.gov.uk/admissions



Last Day of Autumn Term:

Friday 15th December 2023 is the last day of our Autumn Term. To allow the staff to complete home visits for the new children starting in January, and so that we don't have to close the school to facilitate this, we have decided to run shorter session times on this day.

AM children's session time will be 8:30am to 10:30am

PM children's session time will be 11:00am to 1:00pm

30hr children can still do the regular timing of 8:30am to 2:30pm, or choose to finish at 10:30am with the AM children, or 1:00pm with the PM children. **There will be no option to stay later than 2:30pm on this day.** Please let me know which option you will be going with, so we can make sure any early leavers are ready to go.

This is also the day we will be having our Christmas party.

Outside Play:



One common question that we hear from parents is 'are the children going outside if it is cold?'

The common belief is that children will not like being outdoors or will get sick being outdoors in the cold. Playing outside is so important for learning and has so many different opportunities for exploration. It is very important for early childhood development. Sickness is caused by a viral or bacterial infection. When children go outside, they are less likely to get sick since they are out in the open fresh air with an abundance of Vitamin D. Viruses are transmitted by direct contact, and children share toys, hug each other and touch each other, so the chance to spread infection is higher indoors than outdoors due to the type of activities they engage in and the equipment used.

Please do not ask us to keep your child inside during the Nursery session.



Punctuality:

Please make every effort to arrive on time for the start of each session at 8:30am and 12:30pm. Gates shut at 8.45am and 12.45pm.

If you arrive after the gate has closed, the lateness will be recorded on our register and you will need to wait until 9:00am and 1:00pm to have your child taken through to class via reception.



Parent Consultations:

This term's parent chat's will be taking place over the week commencing 4th December 2023.

Unlike previous chat's, we are not planning on closing the nursery to carry these out but will be spreading the meetings over the course of a week.

You will be notified of your child's consultation day nearer the time.



100% Attendance:

Congratulations to the following children who received their prize and certificate for coming to nursery every day during Term 1:

Ladybirds – Anisa, Shehryar, Ire, Abdurrahman, Sobkhan, Aahil, Faith, Aganya, Inaya, Hussain, Pranavan, Sophia, Naia

Bumblebees – Anaya, Alaya, Zayviar, Joud, Senudi, Kwame, Zakaria, Sulayman, Aleha

Dates for your diary:

Friday 3 rd November 2023	'Wear Something Bright' Day
Friday 17 th November 2023	Children in Need
Monday 4 th December 2023 to Friday 8 th December 2023	Parent Consultation Week
Thursday 14 th December 2023	'Special Festive Visitor'
Friday 15 th December 2023	Attendance prizes given out, Children's Christmas Party & Last Day of Autumn 2 Half Term ** Shorter Session Times**
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Start of Spring 1 Half Term – New Starters Only
Thursday 4 th January 2024	All Children return to Nursery

The safeguarding of children is of the utmost importance.

If you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Miss Lister – Safeguarding Lead
Miss Hualde – Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mr Yanambakkam – Safeguarding Governor