

OCTOBER 2020



Welcome to our October newsletter...

The weeks are flying by so quickly and the weather has definitely changed!

The children are having lots of lovely opportunities; look out for our Facebook posts! ☺

Breakfast Club...
is available daily on a drop in basis. Come and join us from 8am - 8.30am at a cost of £2 per child.

Parent consultations: 5th October onwards...

will take place by telephone conversation with your child's key worker. Please ring school ASAP if you have not received a text with a link to book a time slot. Staff will share information about your child's development; please do not hesitate to ask any questions.



The following children celebrate their birthdays in October:

Annabelle, Caleb, Logan,
James and Bobby

We hope you all have a great time celebrating ☺

Please can you ensure your child has a warm coat every day and that your child's name is in all of their belongings please?

Thank you ☺

On behalf of staff and children, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your voluntary donations to school fund. You have paid for the children's daily healthy snacks, resources to make an outdoor activity board for our 2 year olds and soil and bark to top up the mud kitchen.

We ask children attending 30 hours to donate £2 per week and children attending 15 hours a week for £1 a week.

You are very welcome to send your donations by bank transfer: Sort code: 20-09-44 Account Number: 20101478 and use your child's name as a reference.

Your child's safety is very important to us...

- Please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and parents at risk.
- Please be mindful of our neighbouring residents by avoiding the grass verges and parking in the lay-bys whenever you can.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support...

Although we really missed our Nursery bake off this year, we were delighted to receive donations of cakes and other treats from John Bailey at Tesco and Jo at Big Chef, Little Chef.

Thanks to the generosity of you and our staff, we raised just over £100.

School uniform...

is optional and available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland. Tel: 664097). You can call in at the shop at your own convenience. Our school colours are red or navy blue. You are also welcome to buy items from the Supermarkets.

CO-Vid19 Risk Assessment...

We continue to update our risk assessment on a weekly basis taking advice from Public Health Agency, Durham County Council and our Local Authority. With the rise in cases locally over the last fortnight and the County Durham local restrictions, it has been significantly extended this week.

In order to reduce risks to children, families and staff we ask that you:

Come to Nursery 'on time', so that you are not waiting

Leave children's belongings at home and supply a bag of spare clothing/nappies, if you can

One person to pick up and drop off children (wherever possible)

Socially distance on your journey and approach up the path to the Nursery - hold your child's hand to prevent them from mixing with other children/adults (we still have 2 separate 'bubbles' in place) Chalk marks at 2 metre intervals are marked on the path to help you. Please wait if there is a family in front of you

Help your child with hand gel so they can play straight away when they get into their room

Exit swiftly out of the gate and through the car park

Adhere to the County Durham restrictions - it is now LAW that households cannot mix with other households in any indoor setting (there are some exemptions)

Continue with high standards of hygiene at home

Wear a face mask if you want to (some schools are insisting on this, where adults aren't social distancing)

We will:

Continue to work in separate bubbles

Abide by local restrictions/laws - we have been informed that we may receive phone calls or an inspection from Health and Safety and the Police are patrolling Durham schools to ensure social distancing is taking place

Continue with a 'no visitors' policy unless for maintenance, essential to safety of the building

Continue with high standards of hygiene and cleanliness; our caretaker works mornings and evenings and touch points are cleaned every lunch time. A significant amount of money is being spent on cleaning products and protective equipment for staff (gloves, aprons, masks, visors)

Continue to rotate and quarantine resources played with by the children

Continue to update our dedicated Co-Vid19 section on our website with useful information

Reminder of Co-Vid19 symptoms...

- High temperature (hot to touch)
- New, continuous cough
- Loss/change of taste/smell

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Are you passionate about young children's learning?

We currently have a vacancy for a **Parent Governor**. Governors usually meet once a term for committee meetings and then meet with the Head Teacher a couple of times over the year for a more specific focus, e.g. Health and Safety, Early Years Pupil Premium funding, Safeguarding etc.

Training and support is provided. Please ring for a chat with Mrs Jenkins if you are interested.

Dates for your diary...

- Friday 23rd Oct: School breaks up for half term.
- Monday 4th Nov: School reopens
- Thursday 17th Dec: School breaks up for Christmas (possibly Christmas party - to be confirmed)
- Friday 18th Dec: School closed for Staff Training (2)
- Mon 4th Jan: School reopens
- Fri 12th Feb: School breaks up for half term
- Mon 22nd Feb: School reopens
- Fri 26th Mar: School breaks up for Easter
- Mon 12th Apr: School reopens
- Fri 30th Apr: School closed for Staff Training (3)
- Mon 3rd May: School closed - Bank Holiday
- Fri 28th May: School breaks up for May Half Term
- Mon 7th June: School reopens
- Fri 16th July: School breaks up for Summer
- Mon 19th and Tues 20th July: School closed for Staff Training (4 & 5)