

'Keeping your child at the centre of all that we do.'

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

September 2024

Dear Parents old and new; Welcome to the nursery, or welcome back. We have over 50 children starting this term and some may take longer to settle than others. We will work with you to help your child settle; please understand that this will be different for every child.

We would like to welcome:

Shawn, Malika, Sajin, Gurjung, Janos, Dante, Esther, Akin, Krishma, Aayan, Alina, David, Carolina, Kendrick and McKenna in Moonlight Room.

Dorothy, Billy, Angel, Isaac, Leia, Eva, Damian, Sofija, Kayden, Noah, Emmanuel, Alfie, Arham, Aayan, Muhammad, Nora, Mario, Teddie and Maisie in Star Room.

Michael, Fatima, Kacper, Yousuf, Beniyas, Sofia-Adriana, Sumaya, Georgi, Eva-Anastasia, Alannah, Ayden, Leon, Alfie, Massimo, Sienna-Rose, Noah, Lachlan, Ella and Laksh in Space Room.

Our session times

AM 9am - 11.45/12.00 finish.

(all children have to be collected by 12.00 as lunches are eaten at that time.)

Full time children 9am - 3pm finish

Parent Governors

We are happy to welcome two new Parent Governors, Andreeanne Hinson and Natalia Mihi in Moonlight Room.

Last year we worked very hard to develop a wild flower meadow. It was beautiful with the red, yellow and blue complementing the vivid greens. It is now past its best and we want to get it ready for next year. If you would be able to spend some time digging and weeding with us then please contact the school office.

If your circumstances have changed, you might now be entitled to Free School Meals, we can support you in the office to apply.

Even if your child is not eating with us, the school will receive money to help support their education. Please look out for our FSM info being sent to you via study bugs this week,



Stay and Play

We are pleased to announce that we will be re-starting our Saturday Stay and play sessions. There will be an opportunity to talk to Gill about applying for reception places. We will also have laptops available if you want to make an application. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2025. First session's date: 9th November 2024 from 10am until 11.30am.

ParentPay - our online payment service

We are accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay is our preferred method of making payments to school. During the next few weeks we will be sending out information for how you can activate the service. Please contact us if you have any problems after you have received the letter.

School Fund Contribution

Each half term we ask parents to contribute £10 towards school fund that is less than £2 a week. As we are a cashless school it would help us if you pay through the ParentPay app, but there are other ways to pay e.g. at the Co-op with a ParentPay barcoded letter, if you would like this please ask in the school office or cash handed into the office. We have 105 children on roll now, and if everyone paid that we would have £1050 each half term to pay for extra things to help with your child's education. We use the money to pay for the snacks that we buy each week and for resources that we make like playdough, cooking ingredients, shaving foam, corn flour, nappy sacks and wipes. We also support trips. Unfortunately, we will struggle going forward if we don't receive any donations as our weekly shopping bill is approximately £70. Anything you can give will help. Thank you.

As many parents and carers who have had other children at this school will know. We have a 'No mobile phone' on this site. We ask that the mobile phones are placed in pockets or bags until you are back out on to the road. There are two reasons for this. We know that images of children are taken in school and posted to the internet without parental consent. There was a case in another area of a child being abused whilst it was live streamed. In this school the cloakrooms are in or near the toilets. We have a duty to protect your child, we do this by banning mobile phones. It is also a really nice time to be able to talk to your child about what they might do or did do at school that day.

Thank you



Cake sale & second hand clothes sale on the 24th October. Donations are welcome for the cake sale prior to the sale (all ingredients need to be listed) - all money raised goes towards the school fund.



We are selling **raffle tickets** from October - prizes will be drawn on the 24th October. Watch out for a poster/message on Studybugs with all the details. All money raised goes towards the school fund.

If you are struggling to cope, then please contact us. We can link you to the right places for support. Gill can also give Food bank vouchers which we know some families have found helpful.

As always thank you for taking the time to read this.

Gill & all the staff