

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

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

September 2022

Dear Parents old and new;

Welcome to the nursery, or welcome back. We will continue to hold your child at the heart of all that we do. We are very excited that we are moving back to some of the practices that we did pre Covid and the lockdowns. We are inviting parents and carers back into the classrooms when they collect their child. This will give you an opportunity to help your child choose a book to take home and to collect all their belongings from their pegs. We will continue to ask that you drop your child at the door when they arrive as we have found that they are settling quickly and being more focused at the start of the session when we do this. Children will continue to wash their hands as soon as they arrive and before they go home. We will also continue to ensure that the setting and the equipment is regularly cleaned. As I am sure you will understand we have to keep all changes under review in case there is another outbreak of Covid.

Our new session times

AM 9am - 11.45/12.00 finish.

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

PM 12.15 - 3/3.15 finish

(all children to be collected by 3.15 as staff need to use the time to clean and plan for the next day.)

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



Stay and Play

We are pleased to announce that we will be re-starting our Saturday Stay and play sessions. The first one will be on the 12th November 10-11.30. 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.

When out and about please could you look for any Acorns; Pine Cones and Conkers. They are very useful in the school. - Thank you.

ParentPay - our online payment service

We will shortly be 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 will be 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. Until then you are able to pay cash in the office.

School Fund Contribution

Each half term we ask for school fund which helps us to buy the little things that we are unable to get from our budget. It pays for all the photos that we put in your child's profile, for the snacks that we give the children each day. We spend over £50 a week on fruit and snacks but we will not be able to continue to do this without your generosity.

Moving forward we will remind you about school fund through 'parent pay'. It is a voluntary contribution though and we are always grateful for the money we get.

Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

As I am sure you are aware Queen Elizabeth passed away on 8.9.22. The children are all at very different stages in their understanding of who the Queen was and what death is. We will respond to each child at an individual level. **The school will be closed on Monday 19th September.** We would like to take this opportunity to pass on our sympathies to anyone affected by her passing.

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

Gill & all the staff

If your circumstances have changed and you might now be entitled to free school meals, then please contact us.

We are happy to try and support you with any application.

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.