



NURSERY ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Boldmere Nursery! We're looking forward to the year ahead and especially getting to know you and your children.

Birthdays

We think it is important to celebrate each child's birthday. We have a pretend birthday cake and sing Happy Birthday. We put a photo of them blowing out the candles in their learning journal to mark the occasion. Due to current restrictions, we do ask that parents refrain from bringing in anything to share with the children for the time being.

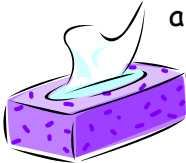
Parents' messages

If there are any changes in childcare arrangements e.g. your child may be collected by someone different or going to a friend's house to play, please inform the member of staff on the gate as you arrive.

If your child is regularly collected by someone different on set days then a letter explaining this would be appreciated.

Tissues

As you can imagine we use a lot of tissues in the Nursery, so we would be grateful if each parent could donate at least one box of tissues per term.



Clothing

Please send your child to Nursery in comfortable clothes. Please no belts or laced shoes. Shoes with velcro fastenings are great for children's independence. As the weather gets colder, please do not send girls in tights. Leggings and socks are a better option as they are easier to get down if they are in a rush!

We will provide spare clothes in Nursery if and when they are needed. Please ensure that the clothes are washed and returned to nursery as soon as possible.



Toys from Home

Please do not bring in toys from home into Nursery. They can get lost or broken which causes the children a great deal of distress. Also due to the current situation we are trying to avoid too many things coming in from home and vice versa.

Outdoor Play

Outdoor play is essential to children's learning and we therefore go outside in all weathers (as far as possible!) They will need to wear a named waterproof coat with hood every day even if the weather looks promising!

We have a lovely outdoor area full of exciting resources including a digging pit and mud kitchen. Please bear this in mind when dressing your child for Nursery as their clothes may get messy.

At the moment we are focussing on settling the children into school and helping them learn the new routines. We will be asking for wellies after half term once we have mastered putting on our coats!

Learning Journals

Your child's progress and achievements will be recorded via the school's online assessment system. Your child will also have a learning journal that the staff will add to throughout the year. You will be able to access this from home using individual login details which you will be given to you later in the term.

Water bottles

Due to the current situation, we are asking for a named water bottle for your child to be brought in each day. Their carton of milk, if you have asked for one will then be available for you to collect at the end of the session. We will be providing the children with a piece of fruit that they can eat during story time.

Dropping off and collecting your child

Mornings

The nursery gate opens at 8.30am. **Please ensure that your child has arrived by 8.55am at the latest as we will then lock the gate to complete registration.**

At the end of the session the gate will open at **11.20am for you to collect your child and be closed at 11.30am.** Please ensure you collect your child between these times, our afternoon session begins at 12.30pm. This means staff only have one hour to prepare for the

afternoon which includes cleaning and swapping over resources to keep everyone safe.

Afternoons

The nursery gate opens at 12.30pm. Please ensure your child has arrived by 12.55pm at the latest for registration. At the end of the session the nursery door will be open at 3.20pm for you to collect your child and be closed at 3.30pm for staff to prepare for the next day.

Family Photos

Please could you send in a photo of your family to go on a display board in the dining room. Each year group has their own board for family photos. It would be lovely to have as many of our families represented as possible.

Bringing home pictures

As the children will already have a water bottle and carton of milk to carry as they leave school all paintings and pictures will come home on a Friday in their Nursery book bag along with our weekly newsletter.

Please return the empty bag on Monday so we can put the new pictures in.

Adults in Nursery

For those of you who have had children with us before, you will know that normally

we welcome all adults to come into Nursery to help the children find their coat pegs and settle them in their play.

In line with the rest of the school we are trying to limit the number of adults coming into Nursery. Therefore, at the beginning of the session we would like you to say goodbye to your child outside while they are playing.

At the end of the session, we will help your child get ready for home time. A member of staff will be on the gate and your child will come out to you.

We hope this information will be useful and we look forward to working with you and your children this year.

The Nursery Team

