



# Nursery Newsletter Autumn 2018

## (Half term2)

### Welcome

We would like to welcome everyone back from the summer break; we hope that you visited lovely places and had loads of fun as the weather has been so favourable this year. You will see that the nursery has changed since the holidays, please keep letting us know how we are doing.

### Educational Focus

This half term our theme is 'Celebrations'. This is since we are welcoming some new faces in the nursery and it would be an opportunity for us all to get to know each other and ourselves better.

We will be learning about our bodies, our family, friends and our likes and dislikes. We will do this through a range of activities from music and movement to explore how our body works and the way in which it can be moved, circle time based activities which will encourage listening and attention and turn taking, we will be doing group activities to promote health and selfcare and fine and gross motor skills, these include activities such as exploring how we look and how members of our family look by drawing and matching our facial features.

We will be looking at the new season of Autumn and looking at the process of the leaves falling from the trees and why this happens. We will do activities based around this by going on walks in the environment to collect Autumn related things that may have fallen from trees. This will enhance learning because the children will get to see the difference of the environment in the season and choose their own learning from what they see

#### Home Activities:

To encourage the learning that your child will get from the above activities, there are things that you can do together at home:

- Talk about your family and look at photographs of extended family.
- Bring photographs of family into nursery to extend learning.

### Nursery Improvement

As part of our commitment to continuously improve the nursery, we are pleased to inform you that we have again completed another round of renovations indoors during the summer break. Our walls are now calmer to support a home away from home experience, you will also notice that we have started to move towards more natural materials in our rooms and building up on our loose parts to encourage a more curious approach.

### Nursery Software

Further to our last message regarding the nursery software for the nursery. We have now settled on Tapestry due to easy of use for staff and parents. To this end we have now baselined all the learning journals to the end

### Birthdays this half term:

Happy Birthday to:

- ❖ Eleanor C
- ❖ Lily-Rose R
- ❖ Revina N
- ❖ Noel H
- ❖ Tijus B

### Key Person

It is a key requirement that each child is allocated a key person. It is very important that you know who your child's key person is, if you are not sure who they are please ask at the office or email [info@newbeginnings-nursery.co.uk](mailto:info@newbeginnings-nursery.co.uk)

### **Food from Home**

At New Beginnings, we aim to provide wholesome carefully selected meals for the children throughout the day. We also use our mealtimes as a socialising experience for the children and try to ensure that all children eat the same thing except where there is an allergy or medical reason.

In view of this, we ask that parents stop providing additional food items for the children to bring to nursery.

### **DIY / Handy Man**

We are in need of a handy man to help with our outdoor area for the next phase of our development. Please get in touch with the office if you are in the trade or know someone who is.

### **Suitable Clothing**

We go out to play in all weather and as we move into the colder months and due to the unpredictability of our weather, we ask that children bring wellingtons and waterproof clothing and spare clothes as well as indoor pumps. Please label all items.

### **Dates to Remember**

18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> September - Yom Kippur

23<sup>rd</sup> September – Autumn Equinox

7<sup>th</sup> October – Grandparent Day

31<sup>st</sup> October – Halloween Day

October – Black History Month

October – Cancer awareness month

## **Bits and Bobs**

### **Home Learning Bags**

Our home learning bags are now ready for giving out. Parents can sign them out and take home to engage in activities with their children. There are bags for literacy, numeracy, mark making, and fine motor skills development. Please speak to Ruth or Carley if you are interested in giving home with one.

### **Drop off and Collection of children**

Our drop off times are 7:30am, 8:00am, 9:00am, and 1:00pm. If you arrive before your drop off time, please wait outside and only ring the bell when it is your drop off time. If you would like to drop your child before the contracted time, please speak to a member of staff and we will let you know if this is possible and invoice you accordingly. We have been experiencing a high number of late collection of children in recent times and this can have an effect on our ratio in the day time; or when we can leave for the day to attend to our family at the end of a long day. If you are meant to collect your child or have delegated this to someone (that you have informed us of) please ensure that you / they arrive on time and give allowance for handover and exchange of information between you/them and your child's carer. Please see our updated Arrival and Departure policy for further guidance.

### **Parent Information Board**

Our parent information board now have designated areas for events and offers in the community and an area dedicated to keeping you informed of any food recall. We are subscribed to the Food standard Agency and we get updated any time a food item is recalled. Please keep an open for this vital information

### **Funded sessions 2,3 and 4-year olds**

All funded sessions will end on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December for this second half of the Autumn term and will resume 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Children can attend as normal during the holidays, but full rate fees will be payable. Please notify Ruth or any member of the team of your holiday requirements.

### **Feedback**

We really appreciate your feedback, good or bad. We value parent contributions which hopefully will help towards making us a better nursery. If you have any comments or suggestions about our nursery, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the team or email the nursery on any of the addresses below.

### **Finally**

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us on [info@newbeginnings-nursery.co.uk](mailto:info@newbeginnings-nursery.co.uk), [ruth@newbeginnings-nursery.co.uk](mailto:ruth@newbeginnings-nursery.co.uk) .