



# Nursery Newsletter

September 2011

Dear parents/carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of our school year, the children have now all visited and are beginning their half day or full day sessions. Over the last few weeks we have been concentrating on making all the children feel settled in the Nursery and getting them used to our routines and expectations. They are settling well and are enjoying the new experiences on offer to them.



## The start and finish of the day

The doors open from 8:55 until 9:15 am. If you arrive after this time, you will need to enter via the office, you will also leave this way after that time. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 3:15 as it can be distressing if they are left waiting. If you are running late, please contact the school so that we are informed. At 3.25 your child will be taken to wait at the office. If another adult is collecting your child, please ensure that you inform us beforehand as we cannot allow children to leave with an unknown adult. We have a 'message book' in which you can write down any information you think you need to share with us. If your child has a part time place please collect your child at the gate at 12.00. Due to the children playing out at this time no adults will be let back into the classroom or playground at this time.

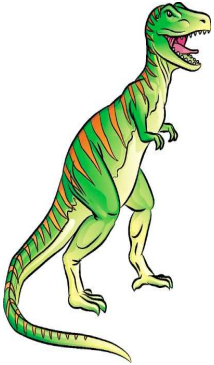
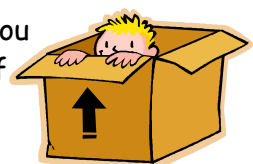
## Clothing

Children are allowed to wear stud earrings only. Hoops and any other hanging earrings are not allowed. Nursery children can also wear navy jogging bottoms. Jeans are not allowed. Please make sure all items of clothing are marked with your child's name. We also request that your child have a bag of spare clothes which can stay on their peg. As we have such a lovely early years outdoor area we go outside as often as possible (even in the light rain), please ensure that your child has a waterproof jacket so we are able to do this. We also encourage children to try to put their coats on by themselves. Your encouragement with this at home would be much appreciated.



## Lunch times

We have a quick and easy system for letting you know if your child has eaten most or all of their lunch; a smiley face is drawn on their hand. If you are not happy with us doing these please let us know and we will endeavour to inform you another way. If your child's dietary needs change please let a member of staff know immediately.



### Donations

We always need donations for junk for your child's wonderful models!! So please bring in your old milk bottles, kitchen rolls, cereal boxes, cards and magazines, boxes of all shapes and sizes, fabric and anything else you think may be useful etc. (please no glass)

In addition if you have any old phones or keyboards, baby clothes, dressing up clothes, toys, books, kitchenware, it would be more appreciated!

### Our theme

As an introduction we will be talking about "Ourselves". We will be looking at our names, our families, our homes and birthdays. In addition, we will be talking about 'Autumn'. We will be observing changes in the seasons. Your child may wish to help add objects to our autumn display table such as conkers, acorns and colourful leaves!

We also choose short mini topics relating to the children's interests e.g. dinosaurs, space, trains, pets and we are sure that you will become aware of these as they crop up throughout the year. The children will be taking part in lots of creative and mark making activities related to our topics.

### Bizzy bee and Benjy bear

The children have now been introduced to our class toys Bizzy and Benjy. The children will be able to take Bizzy or Benjy home for the night or the weekend. They have their own diaries which we ask you to fill in with the details of the adventures Bizzy or Benjy has during their stay with you. If you are doing something special and would like Bizzy or Benjy to come with you please let us know so that we can make sure he/she has not been promised to someone else.



### Colour of the week-

Soon we will hold a colour day when we ask the children to come dressed in the colour of the week. This is to help them learn their colours in a fun way. The colour of the week will be displayed on the notice board outside Nursery every Monday to give you plenty of time to find something for your child to wear. It can be as simple as a pair of socks, ribbon, T-shirt or dressed completely in that week's colour.

### Coming soon

Meet the teacher- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September- 9.20 (bottom hall- please enter via the school office to sign in)

NSPCC pedal push- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October - more details to come

### Finally

I hope this information is useful to you. The Nursery staff are always available to talk to you about any aspect of your child's education and you are always welcome in our happy classroom!

Once again welcome to Nursery!

Jane, Amy, Paul, Tracy, Mandip and Amina