



# Nursery Weekly Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

The children are settling in well and we have welcomed more new children into the nursery this week. Thank you for all of your support in getting the children settled and happy to come to nursery.

## Independence:

We are encouraging lots of independence in nursery. Whilst we are always happy to help your child, we ask that you practise the following things at home to help them to become more independent:

- Nose blowing
- Bottom wiping
- Hand washing
- Taking off and putting on shoes
- Taking off and putting on hoodies and coats

It would also be really helpful if children are dressed in 'child friendly' clothing. Children find it very difficult to undo buttons and pull down skinny trousers when they are in a hurry to go to the toilet. Please also consider shoe fastenings so that the children can practise removing and putting on their own shoes.

## Book bags:

We have been giving out lots of paintings, drawings and letters over the last two weeks. It would be very helpful if you could purchase a book bag for your child. This will help build their independence as they can take ownership over their own belongings and pack their bags at the end of the day. This will be great preparation for starting school. Book bags can be purchased from the school office for £2.80.

## Clothing:

- Please ensure that children have a coat or a jacket so that they are able to play outside. It has been very windy this week and a number of children have not had appropriate clothing.
- Please make sure that **all** clothing is clearly **named**.



### Water bottles:

Please could all children bring a **named** bottle of **water** with them to nursery **every day**. We have found that the children are more willing to drink their water when it is in a bottle and we are able to monitor how much water they are drinking throughout the day. Please ensure that you provide your child with a bottle rather than a baby cup.



### Letters:

Thank you for returning the paperwork that we have given out over the last couple of weeks. There are still some 'Parent Declaration' forms outstanding, so please return these as soon as possible. The forms are so that we, as a school, receive the correct amount of funding from the borough for the amount of children we have in the nursery.



### Tissues:

Please could we have donations of tissues (boxed rather than pocket packs, please) as we have lots of children who have a cold and we are going through them very quickly!



### Writing:

It has been lovely to see that so many children are attempting to write their own names. Whilst we do not expect children to be able to write their names at the beginning of nursery, if you are practising at home please **do** not use CAPITAL LETTERS! Capital letters should **only** be used for the first letter of your child's name, e.g. John **not** JOHN.



### Holidays:

All holiday requests will be returned to you as unauthorised. Whilst nursery isn't statutory, we encourage you all to adhere to the school policy in preparation for your child starting school. It can be very unsettling for children to return after a long period of absence.



### Term dates:

Dress up as your favourite Superhero - 4<sup>th</sup> October

Individual photos - 5<sup>th</sup> October

Half term - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions. Thank you for your support. Have a lovely weekend!

