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Nursery News October 2019

Message from the Head of Federation

What a wonderful 4 weeks it has been! I would like to welcome back all of our existing families and say a huge hello to our new families that have joined the Bedworth Heath Nursery family. We have spent the last four weeks supporting relationships within nursery. We understand for our newer families saying goodbye to your child whilst they settle into nursery life can be quite emotional and I just wanted you to know that we are all here to go on that journey with you.

As we have seen in the press recently there have been many debates on how we are looking after our Earth and how the eco system needs to be cared for and protected. On the teaching training day we had in September, we discussed as a staff team, how we felt looking at our eco system with the children in greater depth is important and this is going to be a huge focus on how we deliver the early years curriculum this year. We will be setting up a crisp packet and pen recycling bin for all to access. We will also be moving newsletters to email and Remind text distribution. So please can I ask you to let Rachel in reception have your up-to-date email address and please sign up to the Remind text service. We look forward to getting to know our children, and you, more as we move quickly into the year!

If you have any thoughts, questions or suggestions, my door is always open, please come and see me.

Some reminders:

- Can we please ask that all children have appropriate clothes, footwear and a suitable coat for the colder weather. Also, can all children have a coat that has their **name** inside it!
- Please could we ask that **no sweets** are put into your child's lunch box as we like to promote healthy eating and good oral health.
- We welcome nursery contributions, we ask for a weekly donation of £1.50 or this may be paid on a termly basis. Please see the office for termly amounts. This enables us to look after our pets and buy extra resources.
- Please can we ask that all children have a bag of spare, **named**, clothes, including socks kept in their nursery bag on their peg please.



Thank you for sending
in snack donations.
These are really valued
in both Daisy and
Orchard

On returning to Nursery in September, we noticed that Penry, our Nursery guinea pig, was showing us that he was preferring to be in a quieter space. We decided that it was best to retire him from his nursery life and he is now being cared for by Mary. We are discussing as a team, the best options for continuing to have guinea pigs at Nursery. In the meantime the children are caring for our Giant African land snails and finding out more knowledge about them.

Remind Service

You should have received a letter inviting you to join our Remind Service. On the letter you will have a code which is relevant to your Family Group. Please follow the instructions and sign up to receive regular updates. Please see Rachel for further information or a replacement letter with your code.

Keeping Everyone Safe - Some reminders:

- Please close all gates and doors behind you. This is to keep all of our children safe.
- Please do not park on the yellow zig zags outside Nursery. If the fire engine needs to attend an emergency to save a life and your car is in the way, they will move it by whatever means available!
- **Parking Reminder:** Please do not park near, or over, the fire hydrant located opposite our Nursery on the pavement area. It is illegal to do so, and you will incur a parking fine.
- Please let us know if someone else will be collecting your child. Remember, we will not let your child go with someone we don't know or haven't been told is collecting your child. Passwords must be used.
- Please do use our **BUGGY PARK** (pushchairs, buggies etc. are not allowed in the Nursery building).



Dates for your Diary

New Parents Consultations Week
Trip to Coombe Abbey Country Park
October Half Term—NURSERY CLOSED
Children in Need Day
Christmas Activity Week
Christmas Party (Orchard only) 10.30-1.30pm
Christmas Party (Orchard only) 10.30-1.30pm

Monday 7th October — Fri 11th October
Tuesday 15th October
Monday 28th October — 1st November
Friday 15th November
16th December—20th December
18th December—Details tbc
19th December—Details tbc

New Adult Lending Library at Bedworth Heath Nursery School. There is now an Adult Library section available for parents/carers of pupils at Bedworth Heath to borrow with topics including; Mental health, Having a child with additional needs and coping with Bereavement. No need to ask to borrow any of the books, just sign the lending sheet with the number of the book you wish to borrow and remember to return it when you are done.

Please do let us know if your child is going to be absent from Nursery School - whether it is because of illness, family circumstances or holiday. Call **024 76364188** and leave an absence message or tell the reception staff.

IMPORTANT

When leaving the site, could you please **ensure that you hold your child's hand** as you walk to the green gate. There have been instances where the gate has had to be locked, due to unaccompanied children. We do not want any of our children to be in danger, leaving through the gate ahead of adults and possibly running into the road.

We are always looking for volunteers—if you like to help out in the learning environments or do some carpentry work for us or maybe some gardening with the children. Please let either your Family Leader or Rachel in the office know.

Thank you for your support with regards to putting your child's name on their coats, bags and lunchboxes. **Please remember to leave a bag with spare clothes on your child's peg, and to return any clothes we have sent your child home in.**

Regular school attendance is important for the children to make relationships and learn. However, young children do become poorly, especially at this time of year, so please keep them at home if they are unwell. Thank you very much to everyone for co-operating in letting us know when your child can not attend. We are very grateful for the phone calls and messages. **Remember—with vomiting sickness and diarrhoea please give a clear 48 hours before sending your child back to nursery.** Thank you.



Important contact details

Bedworth Heath Nursery School:
024 76364188

Please have a look and like our Nursery Facebook page to receive information on the children's learning experiences.

Facebook - Bedworth Heath Maintained Nursery School and Warwickshire Teaching School.

IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS: THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE AND RADIO STATIONS WILL BROADCAST SCHOOL CLOSURES:
Free Radio 97 & 102.9 FM BBC www.warwickshire.gov.uk
Radio Coventry & Warwickshire 94.8 103.7 & 104 FM

Nursery

It has been wonderful to welcome our new children and new families to our Bedworth Heath Nursery School family and to welcome back our returning children.

We have been having a focus in both Orchard and Daisy Nursery on Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) skills as the children settle into a new environment and make connections with the staff and the other children. We are building in time for the children to get to know their nursery environment, staff and children. We are talking about the rules, routines and values at nursery and establishing a clear routine for their day.

In Orchard, the children watched the workmen create a new grassed and shady area under the large tree. They couldn't wait to play there and enjoyed games of hide and seek. We will also be using it as a book corner, adding cushions and blankets.

Due to recent rainy weather, the children have been experimenting with water - filling and emptying watering cans, and creating muddy puddles. They have had so much fun and the learning has been invaluable, especially changing into wellies and wet weather suits to play.

In Daisy, the children have settled very well and have become familiar with their environment both inside and out. They are fascinated by bubbles, chasing them, popping them and trying to blow them!

All children love to play with playdough, but it can be a messy activity at home. Commercial brands can be expensive, so below is a simple recipe that we use at Nursery. It makes good playdough that can be reused.

2 cups of FLOUR
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of SALT
2 tablespoons of CREAM OF TARTAR
2 tablespoons of OIL
2 cups of BOILING WATER
Food colouring

Mix the dry ingredients together. Add the boiling water, stirring continuously until the dough binds together. Knead the dough.
Store in an airtight box or bag.

COOMBE ABBEY PARK TRIP

Please ensure that you return your slips and payment for the trip by FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER.
More details will be sent nearer to the date.

ALL ABOUT ME and FAVOURITE MUSIC SHEETS

Please return these as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Staff use the information to engage with your child and tap into their interests when they are playing. We will be making a playlist of favourite music to use for our Flipper Flapper and Write Dance sessions after half term.

PROMOTING FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES IN OUR NURSERY

Fundamental British Values thread through all the areas of the Early Years (EYFS) curriculum that we teach the children. These include:

Democracy
the rule of law
individual liberty
mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

This term, we are beginning to get to know each other and learn how to respect the feelings of others. Thank you for your co-operation and support. If you have any queries, please speak to a member of staff.

Carole

A message from our Family Support Worker, Barbara. "A really warm welcome to all our families, both returners and new to the Bedworth Heath Nursery School community. I am here to support with any issue that may be concerned you regarding family life, from debt and money worries, mental health issues, housing and benefits. I can help with your children's development including toilet training, sleep and behaviour issues. We also issue food bank vouchers, just ask. I run a family support drop in, monthly, so please look out for dates on the Facebook page, or the Family Support Notice Boards at Nursery. Also I am excited to be starting a new "Coffee and Chat" morning for parents of children with additional needs or SEND. Dates to be advised. Please, just come and chat to me if there is anything you need."

Best wishes, *Barbara*

Currently, one person every 90 minutes dies by suicide in the UK and approximately two thirds of these are not in contact with mental health services. This month sees the launch of the **Stay Alive app, a free suicide prevention pocket resource** designed to be a lifeline for people at risk of suicide, or for those concerned about the safety of someone. It contains local mental health and suicide prevention information all in one place, as well as customisable features like the LifeBox to store photos and memories and reasons for living. Designed for everyone, this is an easily accessible and supportive app aimed to keep minds at ease. To find out more about the Stay Alive app, use this link: <http://ow.ly/2hwM50vT4L8>