



We are delighted to welcome back all the children who have returned to us and are pleased at how well the new children are settling in to 'life at nursery'. We are now well into our 30 hour offer and children are enjoying a healthy packed lunch. If your child started in Sept I've attached a questionnaire for you to fill in. If your child is returning there are some questions we would like you to ask your child, to help gain their view of nursery school. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you about a few points and to give you advance warning of some things which will be happening throughout the year.

**Water bottles-** You can bring in a named bottle with **water** in (not juice or flavoured water) for them to drink whenever they choose during the session. These must be taken home after the session to be refilled ready for the next day. Please be aware that staff will empty out anything which isn't water, as water is the healthiest option for your child, and anything else might pose a risk to another child with allergies.

**Please bring in an A4 file so that we can start to record your child's time at nursery.**



Could all children please have an appropriate coat and wellies (all named) at nursery - we try to go outside everyday!



Can children please come in velcro shoes (NOT laces or difficult to put on trainers). We aim to encourage all children to be independent and shoes they can put on by themselves will help with this.



Snack money for this half term is £8 for 15 Hour children and £16 for 30



**Disabled Car Park Spaces**  
Please do not park in these spaces unless you are registered disabled and are displaying your blue badge. Staff will challenge anyone who is parking here unless they can see this displayed and you will be asked to move.



**Privacy Notice** Please find the privacy notice relating to data protection attached. There is a longer version displayed on the notice board.



**Post Box** We have a post box situated at the nursery door. Parents can post snack money, trip money and any other replies or information. Please ensure all payments are in an envelope with your child's name clearly labelled and information of what the contents are.



**Half Term Holidays**  
School will close after your child's nursery session Friday 20th Oct.  
We re-open at the usual times on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.

**Diwali** To help the children learn about different cultures we have a lady called Deela coming to read a Diwali story, dress in traditional costume and teach some Indian dancing.

## Facebook

We have a Facebook page and are using it to send reminders about events, holidays etc. If you 'like' our Facebook page then you will receive these reminders too. We have set the privacy levels so you will remain anonymous as long as you don't 'like or comment' on any of the comments we post.



## APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

Please remember that **EVERY ONE MUST FILL IN A HALTON FORM** DO NOT rely on an individual school form.

Apply on Line [www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or

Visit your local Direct Link

Last date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018** Please come and see us if you need help.



### 30 Hour children

Could you please make sure your child's name is on all of their bags and bottles. Also could you make sure that grapes are cut in half length ways so they are not a choking hazard, and could children always have a drink too please.



### Home School Library

Reading to your child is really important in teaching them about books and pre reading skills. The home school library is open every day and your child can visit and choose a book to take home and share with you. Book bags are on sale at £4.00 each. We would like to display photographs of your child reading with a family member so please send in any photos you have for us to display.

### Stay and Play

These sessions are an opportunity for you to Stay and Play with your child at nursery - to look at the sorts of things they do, to see how we speak to children, and how we engage them in learning. As well as this there is chance for a cup of tea and chat with your child's key person, as well as getting to know the other parents in your child's group. We also use this time to talk about ways you can support your child at home. Please see dates to remember for the dates of these sessions.

### Reindeer lodge trip

We have provisionally booked to go to the reindeer lodge on Friday 1st December. All children are able to come; adults are also invite to join in the fun! If your child doesn't attend on a Friday and you would like them to come on the trip, then they will need to be accompanied by an adult. More details to follow.



**Parent Governor** - We have a vacancy for a parent Governor. This role includes supporting the head teacher to set strategic plans for the school and monitor it's effectiveness. If you are interested or want to know more then please call in / email Amanda Brown or speak to Barry Quinn, chair of Governors.

**Family First Aid** - if you are interested in family first aid please see the flyer on the nursery noticeboard or see a member of staff.



**Attendance** - We are already assessing all children and planning to support their next steps. It is really important for children to come every day to ensure that they are not missing any of the exciting things we have planned. If your child is not well please phone to let us know. We are going to reward families with good attendance each term.



Evan, in Joanne's key group would like to make some different things with clear plastic drinks bottles, could you please save any you have and pass them into Joanne. Thanks

**Parent View** - Ofsted are keen to get your opinions about our nursery school. Please google ofsted parentview to register and answer their questions. Thank you.

### Future dates to remember:

Tues	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Photograph day
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Diwali
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nursery Closes
Tue	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Nursery Opens
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	'Children in Need' Day
Tues	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Stay & Play Joanne's Key Group
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Stay & play Laura's Key Group
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	After school session for working parents
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery performance
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas party
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Performance
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Closes
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Nursery Opens
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Primary School Application</b>
<b>Last date for applying for a Sept 2018 school place</b>		
*Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Trip to Stockley Farm
*Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Trip to Underwater Street
* Provisional Dates		