



Autumn 2021

# Nursery School Newsletter



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Dear parents, carers, and families,

I am really pleased to say that all our children are beginning to settle into life at nursery. They are making new friends, finding their way around this big, exciting place, getting the feel of the routines, and belonging to their own little "family groups". It's been great for us to get to know you too - What a great start!

## OUR FOCUS THIS TERM

Our main focus during these early weeks is all about developing children's confidence, independence, self-esteem and social skills, as we introduce them to new friends and new experiences on offer in nursery, teaching new language, skills and concepts, so that they have the necessary tools to be creative and imaginative and be a confident, possibility thinker.

In addition to this, we will also be focussing on Autumn, looking at the beautiful leaves, conkers, acorns and other treasures we find in the garden, our allotment and the woods. We will also be planting bulbs very soon with the children, ready for Spring.



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### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a parent vacancy on our School Governing Body. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the role, please let Becky know asap.

Paddy Beels, our Chair of Governors will spend time with you, discussing what's involved, so that you can decide if it's something you are interested in.

### HALLOWEEN DISCO

All children from Nursery School and Childcare are invited to our spooky Halloween disco!  
It is on **Tuesday 2 November** from 5.00 – 6.30pm  
At Wellfield School, in their large dining room  
Tickets on the door are £2 each - to raise money for our school

Everyone is welcome – bring family and friends!  
Fancy dress is optional.  
Refreshments will be on sale.  
Spooky games and stalls will be organised.

### MINI LEADERSHIP TEAM

Now that we know the children better, we are keen to create our Mini Leadership Team - based on an attribute or special skill they are really good at. This is so they can be a role model and good example to all children in school. Children can become a mini leader through 2 routes:

1. they might be spotted by the staff and awarded the leadership status, or
2. they might nominate themselves, explaining to the whole group, what their special skill or attribute is

Over the next few weeks, we hope to appoint several mini leaders – either by selection, or self-nomination. All mini leaders will be given a leadership badge to wear in school every day. Mini leaders will also attend meetings with the Headteacher to discuss plans, ideas and help make decisions for the school.

### ALLOTMENT AND LAB WEEKS

We are really excited about starting our outdoor sessions at the allotment with children after half term.

Parents will be invited to come into school on **Friday 22 October** to find out:

- **where** the allotment is and what it offers
- **why** we value time at the allotment and what the learning opportunities are there
- **what** you need to do and provide for your child
- **when** your child will be at the allotment (timetables for the term will be given out at the meeting)

ON FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER, PLEASE ATTEND YOUR ALLOTMENT MEETING (IN SCHOOL) AS FOLLOWS:

**Red Group** parents: 8.30 – 9.30

**Orange Group** parents: 10.00 – 11.00

**Green Group** parents: 12.45 – 1.45

**Purple Group** parents: 2.00 – 3.00

### OUTDOOR NATURE SCHOOL

We are even *more* excited about starting our outdoor sessions at the Cottage straight after half term.

The **YELLOW** group are the first group to be based at the cottage from 1 November.

The **BLUE** group will be based at the cottage from 29 November.

Meetings for the yellow and blue group parents - to find out information about both the allotment and the cottage are taking place at either 10am or 6pm on **Wednesday 20 October** at the Cottage.

The postcode for the Cottage is TS28 5AL

### REMINDERS

- Please make sure you have all applied for your primary school place by 15 January 2022
- Photographer Day is Thursday 2 December 2021
- Please put your child's name in their clothes – especially their coats
- Parent Pay is up and running now, so please check in to make your payments online
- Please check you are all on Class Dojo and are checking it regularly for messages from us
- Please **do not** park on the school building side of New Cross Row, as this forces people and children to walk on the road
- Half Term holiday starts Friday 22 October for one week. Children return on Monday 1 November
- Christmas holiday starts Friday 17 December for two weeks. Children return on Tuesday 4 January
- When it's your child's birthday, we are encouraging them to bake a cake with friends - to share with their family group. This will save you buying and sending in a cake from home. It also means we can immediately reduce the amount of sugar children eat, helping support healthy teeth.
- If anyone has contacts with joiners, we are always very grateful for small offcuts of soft wood for our woodwork with children.
- As part of our commitment to help to 'save the planet', we also welcome some interesting, recycled materials for use in the children's studio. Such things as: buttons, bottle lids, jar lids, small squares of fabric, ring pulls, chain, wire, nuts and bolts etc. Thank you in advance.