

Absences

If your child is going to be absent or late for any reason please remember to contact the nursery before 9am. **Our telephone number is 01461 625022.** This is important so we can ensure all children are accounted for and we comply with the Missing from Education Policy.

URGENTLY WANTED – The children enjoy playing with everyday items from the world around them. If anyone has any old keys, nuts and bolts, corks, shells, stones, buttons, wheels from bikes, plastic or cardboard tubing, logs, garden canes, wicker baskets.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th P1 Enrolment at school office (bring birth certificate and/or passport plus a utility bill as proof of address)

Monday 13th Orthoptic Dept in testing eyes of Pre school children

Monday 13th 9am -10am PEEP session and weekly thereafter in nursery

Wednesday and Thursday 2 -2.30pm every week starting 15th January
P1 transition visits per group – see App for details of weekly groups.

Book Bug sessions on Thursday 16th Jan \at 2.15pm and weekly until 13th February. All parents welcome with their nursery child and siblings.

Stay and Play sessions Monday 10th February 2-3pm and Monday 16th March 2-3pm

HOLIDAY week Nursery will be closed between 17th – 21st February



Newington Primary School

NURSERY NEWSLETTER

January 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3 of nursery. We have a few new starts who are settling in really well.

It is a busy term for children as our older children start transition visits to Primary 1 and we introduce Words Together in the nursery. There are lots of additional activities going on for them too and we are looking forward to having another super term.

We will continue with termly newsletters and regular messages to you via the school app, so please sign up for the alerts so not to miss anything important or relevant.

Please keep an eye out on the Noticeboard within nursery outdoor area for updates as well.

The Nursery Staff

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Bookbug

Free BookBug sessions will be offered for the next 5 weeks to support our Words Together initiative in Nursery. This is focused on pre-pre school children but all children are welcome to attend the Bookbug sessions. Younger siblings are welcome to attend too. The first session is **Thursday 16th January at 2.15pm** and weekly thereafter. Please come along and support your child's learning in a fun and active way.

If you wish to ask anything about this please speak to Mrs McKeown or Mrs Gallagher.

Stay and Play and Personal Learning Profiles (PLPs)

Thank you to everyone who attend the Stay and Play session last term. Please can any PLPs be returned to the nursery asap as these are updated daily/weekly.

The Stay and Play sessions are an important opportunity for you to spend time with your child in the nursery and play with them. It is also a time to speak to your child's key worker regarding their progress, interests and any concerns you may have. The next one is on Monday 10th February and then again Monday 16th March from 2-3pm and is open to all parents/carers and younger siblings.

What is my child learning about at nursery?

Please take the time to check what the children are learning about in nursery via the Planning shared in the 'News' section of the App or displayed on the noticeboard outside the nursery. Learning is a partnership between home and nursery so please have conversations with your child about what they learned in nursery and try out some of our activities to further support their progress.

Our BIG Question:

Each month nursery will ask parents for feedback on a topic we are reviewing or wanting parental input on. In December we asked whether you want your child to be allowed to play outside in wet weather, then changed into dry clothes afterwards. The national guidelines for this state that in free flow play children should be allowed to access outside play in all weathers, if it is safe to do so. The results were:

24 chose YES

27 chose NO

The result of this will help inform our discussions as to what steps we can take to ensure all children can access free flow play indoors and outside.

Community Links:

The children visited Lydiafield to sing the concert songs to the residents which everyone enjoyed and it was a great opportunity to practise our road safety and walking as a group. We will be continuing weekly visits this term in our key groups.

Fundraising:

Children in Need

The children enjoyed their Pyjama day and raised a fantastic £88.05. Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation to help other children around the country.

Nursery Funds

In December we were very busy practicing for our Nursery concert. Thank you to all the families who came to watch this, bought a DVD and/or raffle tickets. We were able to raise an amazing £559 to help pay for trips and outings for the children.