

September Newsletter 2018

Welcome to all our new children and their families who have recently joined us. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with some useful information about what is happening at Nursery.

New Staff

With the opportunities that became available from the nursery school, some of our all year round staff changed their hours to term time only. Although those members of staff are still here we have new faces to introduce. As in previous newsletters Ellie started with us in June. Jess has now started in the toddler room and has taken Zoe's role of 2 days a week in the toddler room. Sarah M (we now have 2 Sarah's) will work across the entire nursery.

Baby Room Staff are - Lauren (Team Leader), Cheryl, Bianca, Christine & Alex.

Toddler Staff are – Helen (Deputy), Emma, Michelle, Bettina, Jess & Ellie.



Kearsley Scarecrow Festival

It was the fourth year that we have entered Kearsley's Scarecrow Festival and we were runners up for the second time! All the children participated in creating the Three Little Pigs and worked very hard. Well done! Bettina got to meet the Mayoress who presented her with our prize shield.

FOOD HYGIENE RATING



Congratulations to Sharon in the Kitchen

Many congratulations to Sharon. Sharon is our cook and she has achieved a grade 5 in her latest inspection.

New Website

We will shortly be launching our new school website. You will be able to find us on www.grosvenor.bolton.sch.uk You can also find us on Facebook. Remember to let us know if you do not want your child's photograph to appear on our website or Facebook page.

Helping the Community

For Harvest we are asking for your help to join us in donating particular foods to our local Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank. This year Farnworth & Kearsley Foodbank are in particular need of Long-life fruit juice, tinned puddings, tinned meat, tinned fish, rice, UHT milk (1 litre), instant coffee, chocolate bars, biscuits and carrier bags. We will be placing blue crates in our piazza for you to leave your donations in.

Warm Clothing

As the weather is getting colder please can we remind you to bring in warm coats, hats and gloves for your child and make sure they have your child's name on them. All our children continue to play outside in Autumn and Winter. We play outside in all weathers.

Rag Bag

On our nursery grounds we have a Rag Bag Bank textile recycling scheme to raise money for our Nursery School & Day Care and raise awareness about recycling. Please bring any unwanted items in a securely tied bag and place it in the bin which is situated in the car park. Only good quality clean Men's, Ladies & Children's clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together) can be accepted. Once it is full the items get transported to the Rag Bag factory where they will be sorted and graded for re-use or recycling. Good quality clothing is transported to Africa & other developing nations where your old clothes are reused. Low grade textiles will be made into industrial wiping cloths, carpets, underlay and mattress linings. Why not have a clear out & bring in all the clothes or shoes your children have outgrown or that you no longer wear or like.

Library

We now have an Under 3's Library for our children. Each week your child will be encouraged to choose a book with their key worker. This will be sent home for you to share at home for a week and your child can renew it when you bring it back.

Monthly Information

On a monthly basis you will be given a communication tip and song of the month. We recognise that Communication and Language is a fundamental aspect of life. It helps children to form friendships and allows children to self-express their thoughts, feelings and express their needs.

On a monthly basis you should be given a slip of paper which will tell you what your child's key worker is working towards with your child. These are called next steps. We also ask for you to contribute towards these to support their learning.

Parent Workshop – Online Safety (Keeping Children Safe)

On Friday 16th November we will be holding an online safety course for any parents who would be interested. You may feel that it may not be relevant just yet however; this course is the most important meeting you will ever have at nursery! This course will provide you with tips, advice and guidance on how to keep your children safe when they are online. The workshop is 45 minutes long. One will be held at 10.45am – 11.30am and one will be held at 1.00pm – 1.45pm. Please let a member of staff know if you are interested and the time that you would like to attend.

Parent Governor

Are you interested in helping to make decisions on how our nursery school and day care are managed? We require two parents to sit on our governing body. If you want to become a Parent Governor you will be required to attend a meeting once a term and attend sub-committee meetings. If you are interested or would like more information please speak to our Head Teacher Sue Pounds.

Important dates for your diary

Wednesday 31st October – Halloween Fun Day. If your child wants to dress up on Wednesday 31st Oct (Wednesday children only) they can. We see this day as a bit of fun and optional for anybody who wants to participate and they can dress up as anything.

Friday 16th Nov Children in Need (more detail to be given nearer the time).

Friday 16th Nov Online Safety Workshop 10.45am – 11.30am **or** 1.00pm – 1.45pm

Saturday 8th Dec Christmas Fayre times to be given nearer the time

We will close for Christmas at 6pm Friday 21st December and we will re-open on Thursday 3rd January 2018. (You will only be charged for the bank holidays that occur over this period)

Our door is always openif you have any questions about what we do, any concerns or worries, do not hesitate to speak to me or a member of staff at any time.

Thanks, Marie and the Day Care team