



Cookham Nursery School Newsletter November 2018

The Children's Learning

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term. We hope that you all had a super half term holiday break (seems a long time ago already) and have adjusted to the darker nights.

We have recently set up a Natural Art table outside under the tree. There are collections of natural resources such as pine cones, shells, leaves, twigs and conkers placed in little wicker baskets set up on the table. We have arranged frames and shallow containers of sand which are used as the 'paper' to produce wonderful and creative designs using the collections. The children also explore and examine, forage and find fantastic treasures to add to their pictures. The



beauty is that this style of Art is transient. It can be changed, re-arranged and developed as many times as the children like. Engaging in imaginative, open ended activities encourages creative thinking without fear of mistakes.

Alongside mathematical concepts such as symmetry, size comparison and pattern, children develop their language skills by describing their plans whilst we provide new vocabulary to support their sentences and explain concepts that they may be unfamiliar with. These photos show a

range of beautiful art work which the children have explored and developed over the last two weeks.



Parent Donations

In the past we have asked parents to donate to Cookham Nursery fund by using the teddy bear box in the nursery. This money is used to pay for the extra resources for the children's enrichment. We have sent home an envelope via the children's book bags so that parents/carers can donate to our fund in an alternative way. Thank you for your constant support in helping us provide the extra's for the children through your voluntary donations.

Parent Partnership

Please sign up to chat to your child's key person about their progress. This is valuable time for us to share how your child has settled at Cookham Nursery School and also for you to tell us about how they are developing and learning at home.

Progress chats will take place during the week 19th November 2018.

If you are unable to make the times and day allocated, then please speak to your child's key person and we will arrange another day/ time.

A Couple of Reminders



- If children suffer from a stomach bug - diarrhoea or vomiting, the local Health Authority state that they should not return to School/ Nursery until they have been symptom free for 48 hours.
- Please keep encouraging your child to practise putting on their scarf, hat, gloves, wellies and coat independently and make sure that they come appropriately dressed for the weather.
- Please remember to call/email us if your child is not attending Nursery.
- Please can we ask that you do not let your children swing on the black electronic electric gate. We have had this repaired this week and this was costly for the nursery school and takes resources away from spending on the children.
- There are a few outstanding payments for additional sessions and lunch club for this term. Please can we politely request that these invoices are settled with the office team as soon as possible.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 16th November - Children in Need.

Wednesday 21st November - Zoolab reptile workshop visiting Nursery.

Wednesday 5th December - Children share their Christmas songs with their families. We will sing our songs to you, our audience at 11.15am and 2.30pm. Please do come along and support the children. Everyone welcome.

Friday 14th December - Nursery trip to Norden Farm theatre .**Nursery is closed all day today.**

Wednesday 19th December - **Christmas Party for all children. 9.15 am to 11.45 am.** There is no early drop, lunch club or afternoon session today. Nursery closes at 11.45am for the Christmas holidays.

Thursday 3rd January - **NURSERY CLOSED - STAFF TRAINING DAY**

Friday 4th January - **NURSERY CLOSED.** Home visits for new children.

Monday 7th January - **NURSERY CLOSED.** Home visits for new children.

Tuesday 8th January - **NURSERY CLOSED.** New entrants day for new children.

Wednesday 9th January - **ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO NURSERY.**

Welcome to the Team

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Saunders and Mrs Treasure to our lunch club team. Mrs Saunders is working 3 days a week and Mrs Treasure 2 days a week to support all the children throughout the lunch sessions

We are looking forward to Mrs Owen joining us soon as the lunch club becomes busier over the next two terms.

Children in Need



We are supporting Children in Need on Friday 16th November. Children can wear spots and dressing up clothes if they would like to. We are also going to try and make a line of coins from one end of the Nursery to the other. So please bring in your spare change.

We thank you for your support in helping us to raise money for a very worthy cause.

School Applications

Online admissions is now open for children eligible to start school next September 2019.

Closing date - Tuesday 15 January 2019 (Midday)

Extended deadline for exceptional circumstances - Wednesday 30 January 2019

National Offer Day - Tuesday 16 April 2019

Respond to a school place offer - Wednesday 1 May 2019

Waiting list positions for all applicants and late applicant offers - from May 2019

Further information can be found :

https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/4052/admission_into_primary_school_september_2019.pdf

In order to have more chance of getting the school at the top of your list make sure that you do not miss the application deadline.



Come and Play



We really enjoyed having our parents to 'Come and Play' in the Nursery last Wednesday. The children loved showing the grown-ups their interests in their school environment. Please do sign up on the parent's board to come and play whenever you are free.



Quality play interactions with your child at school, outside and in their home environment are called 'Sustained Shared Thinking.' Children benefit enormously when you and your child are both actively involved in a shared experience, when you are thinking and talking together about how to solve a problem or clarify a concept or work on a project together. The play will be initiated by the child but it will be a shared activity. Children's vocabulary increases, children focus and concentrate and there is a deep level of learning that has long term gains.