

A Few Reminders

- * Please try and name all clothing. This helps us to return coats, hats and other items to their owners.
- * Please be prompt at collection time; staff have a very short lunchtime and meetings to attend after school.
- * Please bring in nappies/baby wipes and spare clothes if your child requires them.
- * Please ensure your child wears clothes that allow easy access to the toilet. Tracksuit bottoms or leggings are preferable to tighter skinny jeans.



Health and Safety issues

- Please telephone the nursery on the first day of absence if your child is unable to attend. The current advice from health professionals is that children should be clear from the symptoms of a stomach bug for 48 hours before they return to nursery. If we do not hear from you then we will telephone to enquire why your child is absent.
- Please can we remind all parents and carers that we operate a no mobile phone policy within the nursery. We operate this policy for safeguarding reasons and you will be asked to discontinue a call if you are using your phone in the indoor or outdoor area.
- If your mobile number changes please update us with an emergency contact asap.
- Please use the disabled toilet if your child needs to use the toilet before or after Nursery. Parents/carers are not able to support their children using the children's toilets in the classroom area. Please ask a staff member if you need any help.

Donations

- Thank you very much for your donations of fruit, breadsticks and crumpets. We offer the children wide range of healthy snacks thanks to your generosity alongside the milk and water we provide. Should you like to donate some fruit or breadsticks please either place them in the basket in the entrance or pass them to your child's key person on arrival.
- If you would like to donate some of your time and help out in nursery you are very welcome to sign up for a slot on the timetable attached to the door of Green Group room. We welcome all parents, grandparents and carers to nursery either as a one off or on a regular basis.
- If your child grows out of their wellies, socks, pants or easy to pull up joggers we would be grateful for them to use as spares when needed, thank you.



Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 16th October—World food day, Harvest collection.

Thursday 17th October—Cake and Playdough sale at end of sessions.

Tuesday 22nd October—Photographer individual photographs.

Friday 25th October - Children's last day before half term holiday

Monday 28th - Friday 1st November - NURSERY CLOSED FOR HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 4th November - INSET DAY - NURSERY CLOSED.

Tuesday 5th November - NURSERY reopens to all children.

Monday 11th November - Come and Play session "Learning through Play" 8.45am - 10am and 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Friday 15th November - Children in Need. Details to follow.

Thursday 28th November—Zoolab in Nursery (reptiles).

Wednesday 4th December - Decorating the Christmas tree. Details to follow - save the date.

Friday 6th December - Nursery trip to Norden Farm theatre "The Bear" (3 - 4 year old children only). Nursery is closed all day today. Theatre trip is in the afternoon. More details to follow.

Tuesday 17th December—Christmas parties all day.

Friday 20th December—Morning session only today. **There is no lunch club or afternoon session today. Nursery closes at 11.45am for the Christmas holidays.**



Communication with Parents

In order to keep you informed of upcoming events in Nursery we email you the link to monthly newsletters on our website; regular reminders of events coming up soon; health and safety reminders; good news messages and the weekly planning each Friday. The way we will be assessing and communicating the children's progress has changed and once children have settled Mrs. Thomas will be writing to inform you of our new systems.

We are happy to chat to parents at any time but it can be difficult at drop off and pick up time as these are the times we need to be most vigilant, so please wait until a member of staff is available to speak to you at these times. Quick messages can be left with the member of staff who greets you at the door if you prefer. Key people are available to speak to you about your child's progress at the start or end of their non-contact time, please arrange a time with them in advance if you would like to do so. You will also be invited to share examples of your child's learning with their key person each term as and when they have completed a photographic record to share with you.

Birthdays



We like to celebrate the children's birthdays at The Lawns Nursery School in the children's group time. We have a mock birthday cake with real candles and we sing happy birthday to the children before inviting them to blow out their candles. The children tell us all about their birthday plans and wishes and we wish them a happy birthday.

If your child has a birthday coming up and you would like to bring something in for them to share with their friends please may we request that you bring in a healthy treat such as breadsticks, fruit, rice cakes etc. As we are a healthy school we kindly request that you do not bring in sweets and cakes. Thank you.

Nursery Rules

We will be having a focus on teaching the children our new 3 Nursery Rules.

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

By ready we mean ready to learn (looking, listening), ready for group time (in right place), ready to go outside (coats, hats, sunhat etc.).

By respectful we mean being kind to each other, sharing, looking after the environment, saying please and thank you, looking after our pets, looking after toys and books.

By safe we mean wondrous walking inside, handling tools carefully, telling an adult if something looks or feels uncomfortable, using outdoor equipment sensibly, having kind hands.

We explore their meaning with the children and will be referring to the rules constantly in our positive behaviour management strategies e.g. "Remember we need to walk inside to be safe"; "Remember you need your coat to be ready for outside"; Remember you need to share to be respectful" etc. It would be great if you could also use these words at home linked to your own household rules.



Learning Journey Folders

All of the children have a special learning journey folder which is kept at nursery at child's height. We would appreciate it if all children could bring in a few photographs of themselves and their families to start the folder off. Throughout their time with us the children will be encouraged to add pieces of their 'work' to build up a diary of their time at Nursery, and the staff will add photographs too. You can take this folder home at any time to share it with family and friends. Please remember to return it to Nursery as soon as possible as the children love to share them with their friends.

Lunch Club

If your child stays for lunch club please ensure that their lunch box contents are as healthy as possible. We would ideally recommend a sandwich or a small container of a pasta, rice or couscous based dish, a yoghurt and some fruit, if lunch boxes are overfilled the children can be a bit overwhelmed by the choices presented. We provide milk or water to drink so there is no need to pack a drink - they also tend to leak quite easily and make sandwiches very soggy and unappealing. Please don't worry about how much your child eats as they will have a healthy snack at nursery in the morning or afternoon and occasionally we do 'cooking' activities and the products are usually eaten immediately. A member of staff is supported by lunch time assistants and staff sit with the children encouraging them to eat. They will speak to you if they are concerned about how much your child is eating. It often takes a little while for children to get used to eating altogether but as time goes on they will learn to concentrate on their eating rather than chatting to new friends!

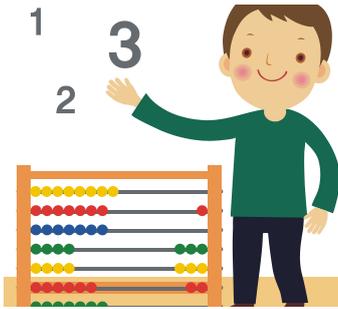


ALLERGIES — We have children who suffer from a severe nut allergy and we need all parents/carers to assist in keeping them safe. Please make sure that your child's lunch box DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY NUT PRODUCTS. Thank you.

Ideas to Support your Child's Learning at Home

We are often asked by parents for advice on how to support their child's learning at home. Ways in which learning can be supported on an on-going basis include:-

- * Sharing books at every opportunity and having lots of great conversations with your child.
- * Encouraging your child to use toys and tools that help to develop their hand-eye co-ordination and control. Examples include small threading beads, small lego, lacing/sewing cards, using tweezers to pick up small objects, the use of scissors and appropriate cooking utensils.



- * Counting objects around you. Show your child how to move objects to ensure that they have counted accurately. Compare quantities of socks in the washing basket, or conkers for example, using terms such as more, less, greater, fewer, least, fewest, greatest, most etc. Point out number symbols in the local environment such as numbers on birthday cards, houses, clocks, buses, price tags and telephones etc.



- * Developing your child's interest in writing by encouraging them to watch you write lists, messages and letters etc. Provide them with a range of suitable writing equipment. Chalk boards and white boards encourage children to make marks that they can easily rub out. Give them praise for any attempts at mark-making and "writing" as this will increase their confidence.

Fundraising Group



Throughout the year we like to support various charity events such as Children in Need, Comic Relief and Sports Relief. We also hold three cake and playdough sales, a mother's and father's day shop and a sponsored sing once a school year.

We teach the children about the needs of others through our fundraising and the importance of being kind to each other and helping each other. The money that parents so kindly help us to raise for the Nursery has provided many of the fantastic resources that you see in use such as the woodwork bench, climbing net, science equipment and books.

We also like to hold a Christmas and Easter raffle and we would be grateful for any help that you may be able to offer us to help make these events a success. either in the form of raffle prizes or your time, In the past we have been fortunate to have a group of parents to support us with fundraising and we have had a lot of fun and made friends along the way. Please speak to your child's key person or Mrs. Thomas if you are interested in getting involved with fundraising at The Lawns Nursery School, thank you.