

SUFFIELD PARK NURSERY NEWSLETTER



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We would like to welcome all of our existing children and families back after the summer break and extend a particularly warm welcome to all of our new children and families! Hopefully you have all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the sunshine that we have had.

The children have been fantastic in all three of our Nursery rooms. As we expect, there have been some tears, but despite this the children are all settling beautifully- some just take a bit longer than others! If you do have any concerns at all, (nothing is too small) please speak to your child's key person or come and see Hayley in the Nursery office. We know that the beginning and end of the Nursery sessions are quite busy so for more lengthy issues we are always able to make an appointment for you to meet with a member of staff at a mutually convenient time.

In all three rooms we have been focusing on getting to know each other and learning about the Nursery routines. In The Rock Pool (under 2 year old's room), the children have been particularly enjoying the loose parts play; building with corks and exploring natural materials such as pine cones. The interactive displays related to this half term's stories; 'Duck in the Truck' by Jez Alborough and 'Guess How Much I Love You' by Sam McBratney have been especially popular too!

In The Coral Reef (2 year old room) the children have been having a fantastic time using the paints; they have particularly enjoyed using the vehicles in the paint to create different tracks and patterns. Using the cutters and rolling pins with the playdough has inspired lots of impressive conversations about shapes! Snack time seems to be the favourite part of the day so far! The stories for this half term in The Coral Reef are: 'The Three Little Pigs' by Nick Sharratt and Stephen Tucker, 'The Gingerbread Man' by Miriam Latimer, 'Tiger' by Nick Butterworth, 'Each Peach Pear Plum' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg, 'Have You Seen the Crocodile' by Colin West and 'Chocolate Mousse for Greedy Goose' by Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt.

In The Deep Blue Sea (3-4 year old room) the children are having a marvelous time exploring textures and colours- they have used cornflour-gloop, custard, water, conditioner-dough, porridge and paint. They have been able to tell us the ingredients for their 'slop' recipes and some of the children have been able to say the initial sound for the ingredient names! The children are very active and have been exploring lots of different ways of moving outside and learning to take turns in skittle games. The musical instruments have been popular and the children have enjoyed learning new songs and rhymes. The stories we are focusing on in The Deep Blue Sea this half term are: 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson, 'Traction Man is Here' by Mini Grey, 'Some Dogs Do' by Jez Alborough, 'This is our House' by Michael Rosen and Bob Graham, 'Little Red Riding Hood' by Mara Alperin and Loretta Schauer, 'Rosie's Hat' by Julia Donaldson, 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy and 'Winnie the Witch' by Valerie Thomas. Do talk to your children about these stories- their knowledge is very impressive!

Information

Please keep an eye on the Nursery Notice Board outside the office downstairs for any updates or information. If you have a child in The Coral Reef or The Deep Blue Sea please ensure that you check your child's 'cubby' above their peg regularly for any art work or Nursery communication. The children in The Rock Pool have a clothes peg above their peg where any letters/artwork will be pegged.

Texting

We operate a texting service in Nursery, please ensure we have an up-to-date mobile number on our records so you can receive our text messages.

Saving Paper!

Kerry L will no longer be printing out individual receipts for every transaction in order to conserve paper and save time. If you require a copy of any receipt, please see Kerry in the office who will be happy to help you.



Late Collection

We understand that there could be rare occasions when you may be late to collect your child due to circumstances beyond your control. However, it is our expectation that you will contact us to inform us of this or any alternative arrangements made.

Unfortunately, not only does late collection sometimes upset the children and disrupt the smooth running of our busy sessions, it also has a cost implication for the Nursery due to changing staffing levels for the different sessions and it is therefore necessary to charge parents/carers £5 for every fifteen minutes that the child remains in our care outside their session times.



May we remind you...

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones **must not** be used in the Nursery under any circumstances. This is due to our Safeguarding Policy which is available on the Nursery Notice Board, Website or from the Nursery Office.

Drinks

The children have access to drinking water at all times at Nursery and are offered a choice of milk or water at snack time. Additionally the children may bring their own drinks bottle from home. Please could we ask that bottles are named. **We also ask that fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not provided.** Many thanks for your support in this matter.

For the safety of your children...

Please **do not allow** your children to play, wait or block the stairway.

Take care on the stairs leading to the Nursery, they get extremely slippery when they are wet.

Naming belongings

Please ensure that you remember to name your child's belongings! We know how frustrating it can be when hats, water bottles and bags get lost but it is far more likely that belongings are returned if they are named.

Clothing

With the changeable weather we are experiencing please ensure that children are sent to Nursery wearing appropriate clothing. The children have free-flow access to the outdoors during their sessions in The Coral Reef and The Deep Blue Sea, whatever the weather, so we recommend that you send them with layers that can be removed or added as necessary. It is also important to send your child to Nursery with a spare set of clothes. Inevitably, they get messy/wet during their play and even the most reliable children at using the toilet have the occasional toilet accident at Nursery where there are lots of distractions! In our experience, changing into their own clothes that fit them well is far less distressing to the children.



We are incredibly excited to inform you that we will be having part of our outdoor environment (Deep Blue Sea) re-developed during the October half term. This will include a mud kitchen, water-wall, damming station, a dig pit and a musical stage and seating area. We know that the children (and staff) are going to love our new area!

We Need Your Help!

If you have any free time between 10am and 2pm on Sunday 15th October and would be willing to help the Nursery team dismantle the sheds and clear plants/shrubs in readiness for the work to begin please let Hayley know. Due to the nature of the work, no children will be permitted on site on this day. Many thanks in anticipation!

Woods

We are very fortunate at Suffield Park Nursery to have Kerry Whincop on our team; she has achieved her Level 2 Forest Schools training and will be spending time in the woodland which adjoins our Nursery playground with the children on a regular basis. This term the woods sessions will take place on a Thursday. All children who attend Nursery on a Thursday will take part in one of these sessions. We know that these sessions have a positive impact on the children's development, particular with regard to their Personal, Social and Emotional Development and their Communication and Language skills. They will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including mud painting, den building, using tools and learning about keeping safe around the fire. Please don't be disappointed if your child doesn't get the opportunity to take part this term, we will change the day in the Spring Term. **If your child does attend on the day and time of the scheduled woods sessions it would be most useful if you could send in a pair of wellies and provide warm clothing including a hat and gloves as the weather gets cooler; we do have thermal dungarees for the children to wear during the sessions.** If you have any questions about the woods sessions please speak to Kerry Whincop or Hayley.



Books

Sharing stories with the children is one of the most important ways in which we at Nursery, and you at home support the children's speech, communication and language development. There is no set 'age' that we should begin using books with children; in fact, the earlier we begin sharing stories with children the better- reading to newborn babies can have an enormous impact on their communication development as this is an opportunity for them to hear your voice. If you don't already regularly share stories with your child, we highly recommend that you do so, on a daily basis as the impact on their development and readiness for all other learning will be significant.

'Storytelling and reading activities can help develop language and literacy skills by supporting competence in communicating, speaking and listening, being read to and beginning to read and write.' (Bookstart).

If you find reading and/or sharing books difficult please ask a member of staff as we would love to support you with this. You are welcome to borrow books from the Nursery to share with your child. Not only does this encourage the children as they develop a love of books it can really help children who struggle to settle at Nursery by strengthening the relationships between home and Nursery. We ask that you borrow one book at a time and bring it back when you have finished with it.



Fundraising and Friends of Suffield Park Infant and Nursery School (FOSPINS)

FOSPINS is a voluntary group of parents and carers who get together to organize events and fundraise for the extra things our children enjoy at school. The money raised goes to pay for many things we take for granted, like coaches and tickets for school trips, new books for the library, new toys and additional supplies for classroom and a gift for your child at Christmas. FOSPINS organise discos, firework displays, Christmas and Summer fayres and much more!

The success of this organisation relies entirely on the hard work and generosity of parents at the school and Nursery. In July FOSPINS funded the coaches for our summer trips to Wroxham Barns- this meant that our trip went ahead without any parents paying a penny towards it! It would be fantastic if you would consider becoming a member of FOSPINS or help out at the events- it is a rewarding and fun way to meet other parents and get involved with our school and Nursery.

The AGM is on Wednesday 4th October at 6.30pm in the school hall- please do attend if you can, you will certainly receive a warm welcome and will find out much more about this amazing team and how you can help! For more information please speak to Hayley.

In addition to the fundraising carried out by FOSPINS the Nursery staff and children occasionally undertake fundraising activities for specific resources or occasions- for example the staff have bravely taken part in the Boxing Day Dip and more recently raised enough money for all of the Wroxham Barns tickets for our Leaver's Trip by walking along the Bure Valley Railway from Aylsham to Wroxham and back! Please do support us if you can.



Parents/carers with children in The Deep Blue Sea...

Please look out for a letter detailing an exciting project we will be initiating this term, working with The Danbury Lodge at Halsey House who care for people living with dementia.



Events for parents/carers

As you may already know we try very hard to organise lots of opportunities for parents/carers to join us in Nursery. We will put out 'sign-up sheets' alongside the children's names in The Deep Blue Sea and The Coral Reef for any event that we plan so do look out for these. The children always love spending this time with parents/carers and it is a great opportunity for you to get involved in Nursery life!

This term will see the return of our popular 'Soup and Roll' sessions where parents/carers are invited into Nursery to share soup and rolls made by the children. Parent's Evening will take place just after half term and is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress at Nursery with their key person.

We will be time-tabling lots of exciting activities in the run up to Christmas and these will be communicated with you as soon as possible.

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 11th October- School Photographer- Individual Photographs

If your child does not attend Nursery on a Wednesday you may bring them in to have their photograph taken- we will inform you of times for this nearer the date. Children with siblings in the school will have their photographs taken together, unfortunately younger siblings who do not attend Nursery will **not** be able to be included.

Tuesday 17th October- Harvest Homemade Soup and Rolls- parents invited to attend, 11am.

Wednesday 18th October- Harvest Homemade Soup and Rolls- parents invited to attend, 12.45pm.

Thursday 19th October- Harvest Homemade Soup and Rolls- parents invited to attend, 11am.

Thursday 19th October- Last day at Nursery for term-time only children- Half Term.

Monday 30th October- Term-time only children return to Nursery.

Wednesday 1st November- Nursery Parent's Evening, 6-7pm.

Friday 17th November- Children in Need- Spotty dress-up day.

Tuesday 19th December- Last day of term.

Wednesday 20th December-

Tuesday 2nd January- Nursery closed.

Wednesday 3rd January- Nursery re-opens to all-year round children.

Thursday 4th January- Nursery re-opens to term-time only children.

