



Nursery Newsletter November 2019

So October has been a very wet and at times windy month! Now we are well into Autumn and the days are getting shorter and colder could we please ask parents to ensure your children have a suitable coat and wellies for our ever-getting-muddier garden 😊 All of the children love to be outside whatever the weather so please bear in mind their outdoor clothing.

A big welcome to those of you who have joined us over the past month, we hope you are settling in well – remember we are always here to help so any questions no matter how big or small are welcomed. For those of you joining us in coming weeks – we are looking forward to getting you started with us :)

Just a reminder for staff changes over the coming month as we will be welcoming staff babies during November, we have Adele going into our pre school room from November 4th acting as senior while Naomi welcomes her baby and Lucy starting in our baby room covering Sarah who also welcomes her baby this month. As our numbers of children are increasing all the time we will be having another new lady join us in our toddler room from November 11th, her name is Sarah and she has many years' experience in childcare.

Lost Property – We have mentioned our lost property in our last few newsletters and we still had some items on our tray. We have now put these in our spares box as they were not claimed.

Please can we remind you to **name your child's clothes/shoes/wellies** – it's very difficult to keep track of lots of little one's items without names and sometimes a very difficult task to remember everyone's wellies and shoes throughout the day 😊

I'm sure you have noticed – the two main buckets in the entrance have now been taken over by many wellies- there will be a third bucket as you enter to your left that is just for shoes, so they don't get muddy! Please can we ask that you do not take wellies upstairs to put on as we try our best to keep the mud downstairs! Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yellow Children & Family Centre registration forms – If you have not returned this yet please do complete it and pop it back to us asap.

School starters September 2020: The applications are now open for those of you who have little ones starting school next September. Lots of schools have open days, or you can contact them directly to arrange visits. If you need any help or advice at all when applying, please do

not hesitate to ask the office. Could we please also remind parents/carers to bring in their completed 'school readiness' form as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

Preschool Autumn Bags – We have had lots of Autumn exploring bags returned – all full to the brim with exciting conkers, leaves and lots more. The children have loved this continuation from home to Nursery and have loved sharing their bags and doing lots of exciting Autumn activities!

Older Siblings: For our Parents/Carers who have older siblings that come in at drop offs or collections, can we politely ask that you do not let your children open the gates or access other gates/rooms on their own. The gates are being left open which is causing a security risk for us and potentially puts other children at risk. We also need to ask you to not let older siblings open the front door – for obvious reasons this also poses a security risk. Please understand we are not trying to be difficult, as I know some of your older children are only trying to be helpful, and although we have had no problems from this so far, we obviously want to stop the potential of something happening. We must have one rule for all, so we would appreciate if you could ensure your older children are not opening the gates or door from now on.

Collections: Please remember to arrive at least 10 mins before the end of your child's session, be this 1pm or 6pm. The ladies Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Your Children's bags – Please ensure nothing is left in them during the day that should not be i.e. foods, medications.

Halloween: If your child would like to dress up this week (W/C 28th October) they are more than welcome too. We will be having some spooky but fun activities on Halloween, but if you child isn't in then they are absolutely welcome to dress up another day 😊

Continued Reminders

Late Collections

We will be issuing late collection fees if parents/carers arrive past 1pm, 6pm – or indeed past your agreed collection time for your child if this is different.

Our late collection fee is £5 for anything up to 5 minutes late, and a £1 a minute there after. Please understand – our late fees are steep, and we are aware of this, however we have sent reminders, polite requests and spoken to individuals for the past two months, so this really is a last resort for us. We thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation to collect within the session times.

Dates for your 2019 Diary:

Christmas Shut Down Week 2019: We will be closed the w/c 23rd December 2019 (inclusive of bank holidays).

Term Time Families only: October Half Term – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November inclusive.

Fee Payment – is the 3rd of every month – Please ensure that your invoices are paid by the payment date of the 3rd of each month for that month. Your co-operation and timely payments are much appreciated,

Kindest Regards, Natalie & The Friendly Fish Team.

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