

Riverbank Nursery Newsletter

October/November/December 2014

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Welcome back to a busy term at Riverbank Nursery!

This term is a very busy one! The children will be learning about Autumn and Winter and will be investigating how our world changes at this time of year. We will be outside in lots of different types of weather and watching how our environment gets ready for the cold winter months.

This term we also have our preparation for Winter Celebrations including Christmas. The children will be preparing for their Christmas Performance for parents – more details about this will follow.

Care Inspectorate

The Nursery received visit from the Care Inspectorate in October 2014 as part of their standard inspection calendar. The Nursery received very positive feedback and we are currently awaiting the inspection report and grading arriving. This will be displayed in the Nursery Cloakroom area for you to read.

You said... We did...

We enjoy hearing your feedback and ideas! Please let us know how we are doing, leave a comment on our comment tree in the cloakroom, or write it in the suggestion book.

Parents have recently asked for more feedback on what their children have learned and what they have eaten that day in Nursery – we will have daily information available for you to see for this.

Special Events and Dates to Remember

- Friday 14th November – Stay and Play in the Nursery (am and pm)
- Monday 17th November – In-Service Day (school closed to pupils)
- Wednesday 26th November – Photograph Day
- Thursday 11th December – Nursery Christmas Performance (10am and 1.30pm)
- Wednesday 17th December – Nursery Christmas Parties (am and pm)
- Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term
- Monday 5th January 2015 – First Day of New Term

Reminders

What should my child have with them for nursery in this term?

- **A full change of clothes in case of accidents or spills**
- **Welly Boots (we have spares but not enough for everyone!)**
- **A warm, waterproof jacket**
- **Gloves, Hat and Scarf**

Please do not bring in any toys from home – they can get lost or broken and we have plenty of toys in Nursery already!

Please try not to leave food (particularly sweets) in your child's bag. Nursery snacks are healthy, nutritious and filling – if your child is hungry, there is always something for them to have!

Supporting your child

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and development during their time in nursery.

Independence: We like to encourage children to build their independence in many ways, including getting themselves ready, serving their own snack, and making their own choices within the nursery. You can support this by sending your child to nursery in '**easy to put on' shoes** (no laces please!) and encouraging them to put on their own shoes and jacket at the end of the day.

Learning Journeys: You can add to your child's learning journey folder at any-time. Please feel free to talk to your child's keyworker if you would like advice on this – or you can pick up the guidance from the cloakroom area. Your child's keyworker is identifiable by the colour of folder they have.

- **Red:** Miss Logan
- **Blue:** Mrs Lade
- **Yellow:** Miss Walker
- **Green:** Mrs Fettes

Every Day's A Learning Day: This useful book is available to look at in the cloakroom area and is filled with suggestions for supporting your child's learning with everyday activities.

English As An Additional Language

Barbara Szumanska from the EAL service will be in the Nursery every Wednesday all day to support children with English as an Additional Language. Barbara is a fluent Polish speaker and additionally can speak some Russian. She is also available for translation if parents need assistance in speaking with staff.

Getting Involved

There are many ways you can get involved with the nursery and the school, including volunteering, parent council and focus groups.

If you would be interested in getting more involved with the nursery or the school, please speak with a member of the nursery team.

Communication

Please keep an eye on the main nursery door, notice boards and the letter trays in the cloakroom for information and important letters. We will also be using 'Something to Remember' stickers which your children will wear when they go home!



If you have any concerns, comments or ideas please do not hesitate to speak with a member of the team or write them on a sticky note to add to our comments tree in the cloakroom.

Our Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Sunley, is also in the nursery at Wednesday drop-off time to meet with parents.

The Nursery Team

Miss Logan, Mrs Lade,
Miss Walker, Mrs Fettes, Mrs England
and Mrs Allardyce

