

# Newsletter

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## Welcome

We would like to welcome all the new children and families who have started at Blagdon this term and also welcome back to our children and families who are returning after the summer break. The children have settled really well into their new classrooms and they are becoming confident in their new environments already.

## Staff News

Our new Executive Headteacher Benedict O'Shea started with us at the beginning of this term. He will be leading across our three nurseries, but you will see him at Blagdon regularly.



Jo Budge, our previous Executive Headteacher, stepped down from this role in the summer, but we are excited that she will remain part of the Blagdon team as the Stronger Practice Hub Lead.

We are very proud to let you know that Jayne passed her Initial Teacher Training and is now a fully qualified teacher! She has worked extremely hard over the past year to gain her Qualified Teacher Status. Well done!



## Illnesses

As we approach the winter months there will be an increase in coughs and colds; please ensure that you send your child in suitable clothing as we go outside in **ALL** weathers.

We will let you know if there are infectious illnesses in the nursery and advise you on the minimum exclusion times from nursery.



## Allergy Awareness

Benedict's law came into effect in September 2026; this law was bought in to ensure that children with allergies are safe and supported in schools. We now have spare Jext pens in reception for use with staff and children who may have an anaphylaxis reaction. These are kept in a secure case. Staff have been trained on how to recognise and allergic reaction and how to use Jext pens. Please help us by ensuring that you do not pack any nut products in lunchboxes.



## Contact Details

Please make sure that you make the office aware of any changes in your contact details. Could you also ensure that you have given the office your date of birth and National Insurance number.

## Toy Fund

We use Toy Fund to replace broken toys, buy cooking ingredients or to pay for little extras. Toy Fund is £1 a week and there is a money pot outside each classroom. Many Thanks for your support in this.



## Dates for your diary

|              |                                                  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 15th October | Harvest Stay and Play - for Apple/Cherry/Orchard |
| 16th October | Harvest Stay & Play - Wil-lows                   |
| 22nd October | Last day of Term 1                               |
| 23rd October | INSET day - Nursery CLOSED                       |

### HALF TERM - Nursery CLOSED

|               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 2nd November  | First day of Term 2 |
| 13th November | Children in Need    |
| 18th December | Last day of Term 2  |

## Mobile Phones

Please do not be offended if staff ask you to come of your phones when on the nursery site. Your child(ren) would prefer your undivided attention so they can tell you about their day, let you know how they are feeling or just show you how pleased they are to see you. Also please be reminded that under no circumstances are photos or videos to be taken onsite. Many Thanks



## Autumn

We will be exploring Autumn and the changes that happen in the world around us during this time of year. If you notice any Autumn leaves, conkers, acorns, etc. we would love you to bring them in so the children can explore them in their classrooms.



We will also be having an Harvest Stay and Play on Thursday 15th October for main nursery and Friday 16th October for Willows, where you will be invited to come in to your child's classroom; there will be more details closer to the time. We will also be collecting foods for our local Food Banks for Harvest.

## Reminders

- Please make sure you always close and **BOLT** the gates - please **DO NOT** prop open any gates or let anyone in that you don't recognise
- Session times
  - 30 hour children** 9.00-3.45 Mon-Thurs 9.00-12.00 Fridays
  - Morning children** 9.00-12.00
  - Afternoon children** 12.45-3.45
- Fruit donations - please bring a bag of fruit/vegetables to share with all children in your child's class
- **NO** nuts or nut products onsite
- We no longer accept cakes/sweets/biscuits for birthdays



## Tapestry

Tapestry is our online learning journal. It allows you to log in securely to view photographs and observations of your child whilst they are at nursery. You can also add your own observations, which help to give us an insight into your child's experiences and skills outside of nursery.

If your child was at Blagdon last year your sign in will remain the same. If your child has just started at Blagdon you should already have your login details.

If you have changed your email or have not yet given us your email please pass it on to the office or your child's keyworker so we can ensure that you have access to Tapestry.



## What to bring to nursery

Please can you try to remember the following items in your child's bag.

They can be left on children's pegs for the term

- Spare clothes - tops/bottoms
- Spare underwear - including socks
- Baby wipes and a plastic bag



Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for the weather as we go outside all year round.

Please don't forget,

- Waterproof coat
- Wellington boots
- Warm coat as it gets colder

**PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN ALL ITEMS THAT THEY MIGHT TAKE OFF.**

## Breakfast Club

We currently have spaces in our Breakfast Club. It is available from 8am every morning for 30 hour and morning children. The children are able to have a breakfast of cereal, pancakes or toast. It costs £5.50 a session. For more information please

contact Nicky

Please ask for a booking form to secure your place.



## Focus Child Observations

Each child will have a Focus Child week where their keyworker will really focus on your child and support their targets.

To help us with this we will be sending out a questionnaire where you can share your thoughts and views on your child and what you are working on at home. We will then give you some feedback about the Focus week and how your child has got on.

**Last Day of term is Thursday 22nd October**

**We return on Monday 2nd November**



**We are an ALLERGY AWARE nursery**

