



# New Bridge Nursery School Newsletter Term 1



We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and would like to welcome everyone to the start of a new academic year.

## **School Timings**

Our new timings begin this term.

Morning sessions: 9am - 12pm

Afternoon sessions 12.45pm - 3.45pm

30hour sessions Monday - Thursday 9am - 3.45pm Friday 9am - 12pm

Along with this we have amended the daily routine (these will be attached to this newsletter).

We are asking parents to continue to hand their children to us from outside the nursery. The children will be in either the Rainbow or Snowflake class.

**Rainbow Class** - please queue outside and to the right of the main gate

**Snowflake Class** - please come inside the gate and queue on the left at the bottom of the ramp.

Our team members will meet you there. Thank you.

## **If Your Child Is Unwell**

If your child is unwell or not coming to nursery for any reason please call the office or leave a message on the answer phone. We have a duty of care to follow up any absences.

## **Covid-19**

If your child is showing any symptoms of Coronavirus please DO NOT send them to nursery but seek a PCR test (these need to be carried out at a testing centre) and await the result before they return. We ask that you share the result with us.

## **Nut Free Nursery**

Please note we are a Nut Free Nursery we have a child and staff member with serious allergies to nuts.

## **Donations**

We are still accepting and are very appreciative of your weekly fruit and monetary donations. £1 per week or £10 per term towards toys and materials for the children.

**What to bring to nursery - Please ensure all clothes and belongings are clearly named in a ruck sack or cloth bag.**

- Water bottle - this will go home each day
- Wellington boots - to leave at nursery
- Water proof jacket and trousers (or all in one) - to leave at nursery
- Sun hat and sun cream - named and handed to a member of staff - to leave in nursery
- Nappies and wipes (if applicable)
- Spare clothes - including underwear and socks

Please **DO NOT** put toys, food, medication, creams or any other items not listed above in your child's bag.

Please **DO NOT** send any plastic carrier bags into nursery. This is for safety and ecological reasons. Wet bags are an easy way to store wet/dirty clothes. They are a reusable, waterproof and leak resistant bag that zips shut to help keep odours (and liquids) from escaping.

## **Focus Children and Tapestry Observations**

In line with the revised Early Years Foundation Stage guidance we have amended the process of observations and parents' meetings. Each small term your child will be a focus child. You will be asked to complete a simple questionnaire and hand this to your key person. After the focus week you will have a 10-minute meeting with your key person to discuss your child's progress.

Our Tapestry observations will also be changing, your child will have a short settling in summary approximately 2 weeks after joining us. You will then receive one amalgamated uploaded observation from the focus week that we ask you to comment on and upload how you have carried out the next steps for home learning as suggested by the key person. We are still encouraging parents to share any home learning or exciting things you are doing at home. This means that the team spend more time with the children and our observations are more focused on the children's learning.

## **Sun Cream and Hats**

Hopefully the sun will continue to shine for a little longer. On these sunny days can you ensure your child has had sun cream applied just before they come in to nursery

and that they have a sun hat. We will continue to ensure the children have access to plenty of fluids and that they have shade in the garden. Thank you.

## Lunch Boxes

Please Remember we are a **NUT FREE** School. We provide water for the children to have with their lunch. Please do not send in any other drinks. We are sending home any food your child chooses not to eat or if there was too much for them to eat in 30 minutes (it is not recommended that children sit for longer than this to eat a meal). We ask that you follow the healthy eating suggestions below and to only send food that can be eaten cold as we are not able to reheat food.



## Birthdays

We celebrate the children's birthdays in nursery. Please **DO NOT** send in a cake or sweets but we would welcome a fruit selection for the children to share.

## Diary Dates

- 7<sup>th</sup> September children returning
- 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September settling in visits for new children
- 10<sup>th</sup> new 30-hour children begin
- 13<sup>th</sup> New 15-hour children begin
- 19<sup>th</sup> October - children's individual photographs will be taken by Penny
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October half term - Nursery **CLOSED**
- 17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas party
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - 3<sup>rd</sup> January Christmas Break Nursery **CLOSED**
- 4<sup>th</sup> January Inset Day Nursery **CLOSED**
- 5<sup>th</sup> January children return for the spring term

## Meet the team working in the nursery this term

### Senior Leadership Team



Joanne Budge  
Executive Head



Jean Read  
Head of School



Kate Wiggins  
Inclusion Manager



Angela Harwood  
Business Manager

### Snowflake Class



Stacia  
Snowflake Coordinator



Esna



Seb



Gemma



Kat

### Rainbow Class



Catherine



Maddy



Mandy



Sara



Kennedy

### Admin Team



Jackie  
Secretary



Nancy  
Federation admin assistant

### Support Team



Leighann  
Specialist Learning Mentor



Sandra  
Lunchtime assistant

We have said goodbye to Joey who will not be returning to us from Maternity leave.