

Newsletter

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Welcome!

We would like to say a huge welcome to all of the new children and families who have joined us this term. Most of the children have moved rooms this term and it has been lovely to see both them and the new children settle so well this term.

We would also like to welcome Nicky who is Purple Group key-worker in Apple Tree, Stephanie who is an apprentice in Apple Tree

Changes

This year we have made the decision to use our first names rather than Miss/Mrs. We made this decision as we were finding that some of our youngest children really struggled to be able to say some of our longer names. We are encouraging all parents/carers to use our first names too; it will take a while to get used to, but the children are taking to it well!

Coronavirus

Whilst things have eased significantly this year with regards to COVID please remember that it is still a risk.

If your child has any of the following symptoms please DO NOT bring them into nursery and book a PCR test (not a lateral flow test);

1. A continuous cough
2. A high temperature
3. A change in taste and/or smell

If your child develops any of these symptoms whilst at nursery you will be phoned to come and collect them.

A lateral flow test is recommended for use when you do NOT have any of these symptoms.

Although children under 18 do not have to isolate if they are in close contact with a positive case, the recommendation from the government is that if the positive case is in their household children under 3 should have a PCR test.

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

Our Toy Fund has been used to replace broken toys or to pay for little extras. Toy Fund in £1 a week and there is a money pot outside each classroom. Many Thanks for your support in this.



What to bring in 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 or toast. It costs £4.50 a day.

Please ask for a booking form to secure your place.



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. We would also use Tapestry if we needed to move to any online learning, so it is vital you have access to it.

If your child was at Blagdon last year your sign in will remain the same. If your child has just started at Blagdon we will be sending out your login details soon.

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.



Autumn

We are starting to think about Autumn and the changes that happen in the world around us at this time. If you notice any autumn leaves, conkers, acorns, etc. we would love your child to bring them in to explore in their classrooms.



Reminders

- Please make sure you always close and BOLT the gates - please DO NOT prop open any gates
- 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 - a bag of fruit to share with all children in your child's class
- **NO** nuts or nut products onsite



Dates for your diary

22nd October	Last day of Term 1
HALF TERM 25th October - 1st November	
1st November	First day back - start of Term 2
17th December	Last day of Term 2
CHRISTMAS BREAK 17th December - 4th January	
4th January	INSET day - Nursery closed to all children
5th January	First day back - start of Term 3

Focus Child Observations

We are starting a new way of observing children where we focus on a couple of children each week and really support their targets. To help with this we will be sending out a Focus Child questionnaire where we can get your thoughts and views on your child and what you are working on at home. We will also give you feedback at the end of their focus week so you know how they are getting on. We would really appreciate your input with these observations.

Harvest

We will be collecting food for Harvest that we can donate to our local food banks; we will give you more details nearer the time.