



New Bridge Nursery School Newsletter Term 2



Welcome back to term 2 of the school year. We hope you had an enjoyable half term break and managed to get out and about and have lots of fun. It has been lovely looking at all of your Tapestry observations showing us what you have been doing during the holiday and following our suggested home learning activities.

Staffing

In September we were fortunate to have Kat join our team as an Early Years Practitioner working within Snowflakes, she has settled in really well and is a great asset to the team. We would like to also welcome Michelle who will be working full time as an Early Years Practitioner within the Rainbow Class. I am sure you will join us in giving her a warm welcome. Hopefully you will get to meet her on the gate in the coming days.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Catherine. She will be leaving us at Christmas to spend more time with her family. We will miss her very much I am sure you will join us in wishing her well. We are advertising for a new part time teacher to join us in January.

The Royal British Legion, Haig Poppy is 100 years old in 2021



During the last week of term some of the children made poppies to help create a field of poppies to decorate the gates of cemeteries in Reading. The red poppy is traditionally a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. The poppies will be

displayed during Remembrance week 8-14th November at Henley Road and on Reading Borough Councils social media. We will be encouraging the children to respect a 2-minute silence on 11th November.



Curriculum Catch-ups and Memos

Each week you should be receiving a 'Curriculum Catch Up' from Rainbow Class or a 'This Week in Snowflakes' These come via tapestry as a Memo. They give you up to date information about what the children are learning in nursery and how you can support this at home it also includes any up and coming events and term dates. We may also send additional memos to you with additional information or items of interest so please keep a look out for these. If you have not seen these please speak to a member of the team and we will try to resolve any problems.



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.
- Your child will be a focus child the following week
- After their focus week you will have a 10-minute meeting with your key person to discuss your child's progress.
- We will upload one observation that will show our intent for teaching and learning, examples of how we implemented this and the impact on your child's learning together with a suggestion for next steps for home learning together with your completed questionnaire and notes from your meeting
- We ask that you to make a comment and upload how you have carried out the next steps for home learning as suggested by the key person.
- We are of course still very keen on any home learning or exciting things you are doing at home.

By carrying out observations this way the team spend more time with the children and our observations are more focused on the children's individual learning.

Sleep Routines and Toilet Training

We have been asked by a few parents for information and guidance on sleep routines and toilet training for their children. We are happy to support you with this where we can. We recommend that children have a good routine that includes a wind down time and a story before bed and that children are in bed for about 7pm. This gives them a good night's sleep and they will also be more likely to wake up in the morning ready to start the day and have a good nutritious breakfast before coming into nursery.

If you would like more information or support. We are happy to discuss this with you or you can call the Health Visiting Duty Line, open Monday to Friday 9-4.30pm on 0118 9312111 option 1. They can also give additional advice on toilet training should you need this.

Now the weather is getting colder

Please supply the following named items for your child.

- Wellington boots - to leave at nursery
- Water proof jacket and trousers (or all in one) - to leave at nursery
- Spare clothes - including **underwear and socks**
- Warm coat, hat and scarf

Please ensure all clothes and belongings are clearly named in a ruck sack or cloth bag. (no plastic bags please) 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 and can be stored inside the ruck sack and sent home easily if changes are needed. Here is a link to show you an example <https://bit.ly/reusablewetbag>



Jewellery

For health and safety reasons with the exception of stud earring we request that children do not wear any jewellery to nursery. This includes hoop earrings, necklaces or bracelets.

Thank you

Donations

Thank you so much for your kind weekly donations of fruit and funds. The children are getting to try a wide selection of fruits to share and discuss and the financial donations help towards play materials for the children We are truly very appreciative of this.

Lunch Boxes

Please Remember we are a **NUT FREE** School and to cut any grapes, cooked sausages etc. length ways as they can be a choking hazard.

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.

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. You can also email Jackie Monday - Thursday on admin@newbridgenursery.reading.sch.uk (Please note: Jackie does not work Fridays) We have a duty of care to follow up any absences.

Covid-19

As the weather turns colder children will be more susceptible to catching coughs and colds which is normal. However, if your child is showing any symptoms of Coronavirus please **DO NOT** send them to nursery. We strongly recommend you seek a PCR test and await the result before your child returns. At nursery we will remain vigilant and will be sending home any children with symptoms. Thank you for your understanding.

Covid symptoms-

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of these symptoms of COVID-19:

Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119 You, your child and anyone else you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result - only leave your home to have the test.

Diary Dates

Thursday 11 th November	Remembrance Day	
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need	Donate a £1 and Send your child to nursery in their PJs
Friday 10 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day	
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas fun for all Snowflake children during their usual session.	This will also be their last day for the term. (No nursery on Friday 17 th December for Snowflake children)
Friday 17 th December	Christmas fun - am party for ALL Rainbow children	there will be no pm session for any children.
Monday 20 th December - 3 rd January	Christmas Break Nursery CLOSED	
Tuesday 4 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inset Day Nursery CLOSED 	
Wednesday 5 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> children return for the Spring term for their usual sessions. 	

Thank you for your continued support

