

# 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.

## Illness

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 for the weather as we go outside in ALL weathers. We will let you know if there are infectious diseases in the nursery and advise you on the minimum exclusion times for illnesses.

**Last Day of term is  
Thursday 20th October**

## Harvest

We will be collecting food for Harvest that we can donate to our local food banks; there should be a basket outside each classroom for you to donate non-perishable foods such as;

- Crackers
- Tinned foods, e.g. baked beans, soup, tinned meat, etc.
- Pot noodles, or equivalent
- Pasta/rice
- Dried pulses/lentils
- Long life milk
- Baby food

Please ensure that the foods are in date. We also appreciate that times are tough for everyone so please do not feel obliged or pressured to donate.

You are invited to come into your child's classroom on Thursday 20th October to join in with some of their Autumn songs. Times are 11.40am or 3.20pm depending on your child's session.

## 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 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.



## 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

20th October	Last day of Term 1
21st October	INSET day—nursery closed to ALL children
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
31st October	First day back - start of Term 2
20th December	Last day of Term 2
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	
4th January	INSET day - Nursery closed to all children
5th January	First day back - start of Term 3

## Focus Child Observations

Once the children have settled in we will be starting out Focus Child Observations. This is 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; this will either be a chat at pick up time or we will give you a phone call. The observation will then be written up on Tapestry.

We would really appreciate your input with these observations.