



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 the new academic year.

We would like to welcome Saliha to the team. She will be working as deputy head across New Bridge and Caversham Nurseries.

School Timings

Morning sessions: 9am - 12pm

Afternoon sessions 12.45pm - 3.45pm

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

Dropping and collecting your child

Rainbow Class - we are really pleased to let you know that we are opening the nursery for you to bring your child in and hand to a member of the team. We are asking that you support your child to hang their own coat, find their name card and put on their water bottle label, before handing them to a staff member. Please ensure your child has been escorted into the middle room before leaving them. For safeguarding reasons please do not enter the middle room. When collecting your children, we are asking for parents to come in and form a queue and we will hand over each child in turn. You will then be able to collect their belongings and head off.

Snowflake Class - Drop off please come inside the gate and make your way to the main reception. Please collect your children from the yellow gate inside the car park. 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 on the first day so please do make this call.

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. **NO CARRIER BAGS PLEASE**

- Water bottle - this will go home each day (please only fill with water)
- Wellington boots - to leave at nursery
- Water proof jacket and trousers (or all in one) - to leave at nursery
- Sun hat and sun cream - un opened and named please hand the cream 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

Each small term your child will become a focus child. You will be asked to complete a simple questionnaire and then return this back to the team member. At the end of each focus week you will have a phone meeting to discuss the week and an amalgamated observation uploaded to Tapestry. Please comment or click like to say you have seen this. We ask that you then add your own observation showing something you have done at home following the suggested next steps for home learning.

After the focus week you will have a 10-minute phone meeting with your key person to discuss your child's progress. By carrying out observations this way, it means that the team spend more time with the children and our observations are more focused on the children's learning and we get to meet with parents to discuss children's learning every 6 to 8 weeks.

Each child in Rainbows will have a short settling in summary approximately 2 weeks after joining us with a follow up telephone call. The focus weeks will begin the following short term. Children in Snowflake class will have individualised settling in period.

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 named 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

- 5th and 6th September home visits for Rainbow children Nursery is **CLOSED**
- 7th September children returning are welcomed back
- 8th, 11th 12th and 14th September settling in visits for new children
- 12th, 13th and 15th September New children begin
- Tuesday 10th October Harvest festival sing along (Rainbow's)
- Wednesday 11th October- Stay and Play session for 2-year olds 9:30am -10:30am
- Wednesday 18th October- Parent Workshop on toilet training 11:30am & 3:00pm
- Last day of term Friday 20th October
- 23rd - 27th October half term - Nursery **CLOSED**
- Monday 30th October children return to Nursery
- Friday 17th November Children in Need
- Wednesday 29th November- Mark making & Early Writing parent workshop
- Wednesday 20th December Christmas party 11:30am-1pm
- Wednesday 21st December - Monday 8th January Christmas Break Nursery **CLOSED**
- Monday 8th January Inset Day Nursery **CLOSED**
- Tuesday 9th January children return for the spring term
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Meet the team working in the nursery this term

Senior Leadership Team



Joanne Budge
Executive Head



Jean Read
Head of School



Saliha Akram
Deputy Head



Kate Wiggins
Inclusion Manager

Snowflake Class



Stacia
Snowflake Coordinator



Esna
Snowflakes
Resource Lead



Seb
Snowflake Nurture
Assistant



Emma
Snowflake
EYP



Kat
Snowflake EYP

Rainbow Class



Carol
Rainbow Teacher



Michelle
Rainbow EYP



Mandy
Rainbow EYP



Gemma
Rainbow EYP



Kennedy
Nurture Assistant
Maternity leave

Admin Team



Nancy
Admin officer



Gemma
Receptionist Wednesday's Lunchtime
assistant



Mandy Watts
Admin officer

Lunchtime Team



Enid
Lunchtime assistant



Sophie
Lunchtime assistant



Nicola
Lunchtime assistant

Support Staff



Leighann
Specialist Learning Mentor



Claire
Family support worker with SEND Support