



## Newsletter September 2023



I would like to welcome our new families to the nursery and anyone returning after the summer holidays.

### Staffing update:

We would like to welcome to the team:

Bethany is our new Teacher in Inventors.

Carla is our new Nurture assistant currently working in Discoverers.

Saliha is our new Deputy head she will work across Caversham and New Bridge.

Lauren will be returning from maternity leave in November and will continue her role as the Explorers room leader.

### Focus children and Tapestry observations:

Every 6-8 weeks your child will become a focus child, your child's key person will ask you to complete a small questionnaire and return to them. After the focus week your child's key person will arrange a phone call with you to discuss the week and set some next step. This will then be uploaded to Tapestry where you will be asked to like the post and make any further comments.

We encourage parents and carers to upload observations from home to show the next steps for home learning. We also love to see your everyday photos, holidays, birthdays etc the children love to share these with their friends and staff. This really encourages even our quietest of children to tell us about their photos and adventures.

We would encourage all parents to download the Tapestry app to your phones/tablets. The app is user friendly and an easier way to share photo's or video's with us.

Tapestry is our main communication tool to keep all Parents and Carers up to date with what is happening. If you need any support please do ask a member of staff.

### Snack donations:

We really appreciate your kind donations of fruit and vegetables for snack times, the children love to share their fruit with their friends. We would like to encourage more parents to donate fruit and vegetables for snack, it doesn't have to be a big donation it can be as small as a couple of apples or a cucumber, a bag of oranges anything that you can afford to donate is much appreciated and enjoyed by the children.

## Pack lunches:

Please can we remind all Parents are Carers that we are a **NUT FREE** school. Below is a reminder of the healthy lunch box ideas.



## Diary dates:

Diary dates for the school year will be attached to this newsletter, they can also be found on our nursery website.

If you celebrate a festival that we have missed from these dates please do comment on the post so that we can add to the dates. We encourage parents and carers to support us in these celebrations. This can be by lending us books, giving us information about the celebration or donating items to help us build on our multicultural resources.

## Poorly children:

If your child is poorly please keep them at home, illness can spread quickly between the children. If your child is poorly please call the office on: 01189375429 and choose option 1 leaving your child's name and details for their absence or post a message onto Tapestry.

Below is a copy of our minimum exclusions for sick children, these are the minimum times you child must stay off of nursery. Please only return after these times if your child is feeling better and able to access the full provision available to them such as the garden areas, water play.

DISEASE / ILLNESS	MINIMUM EXCLUSION PERIOD
Vomiting and /or Diarrhoea	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Temperature Above 38 Degrees	If not gone down with medication child needs to be excluded
Flu	Until recovered
Chickenpox	Five days from onset of rash and all vesicles have crusted over
Diphtheria	Exclusion is essential. Consult with doctor and HPT
Hepatitis A*	Exclude until 7 days after onset of jaundice (or 7 days after symptom onset if no jaundice)
Hepatitis B* and C* HIV/AIDS	No exclusion
Measles	Four days from onset of rash. Consult with doctor and HPT
Meningococcal meningitis / septicaemia	Until recovered from the illness consult with doctor and HPT
Meningitis due to other bacteria	Until recovered from the illness consult with doctor and HPT
Meningitis viral	None, consult with doctor and HPT
Mumps	Five days from the onset of swelling. Consult with doctor and HPT
Pertussis (whooping cough)	2 days from treatment with antibiotics or 21 days from the onset of paroxysmal cough without antibiotics.
Rubella (German measles)	4 days from the onset of rash. Consult with doctor and HPT
Scarlet fever	24 hours after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment
Tuberculosis	Always consult with HPT
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Ringworm	No exclusion but treatment is required
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment

If you have any concerns or wish to share any positive comments please don't hesitate to contact me on the email below or by calling nursery on:  
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