



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 Gemma Johnson who is our new EYP in Pear Tree supporting the children in Apple Pips.

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.



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

We use Toy Fund to replace broken toys, buy cooking ingredients or to pay for little extras. Toy Fund is £1 a week and there is a money pot outside each classroom. Many Thanks for your support in this.



Last Day of term is Friday 20th October.
We return on Monday 30th 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 also invited to come in to listen to (or join in with!) some of our Harvest/Autumn songs. Letters have been given out with dates and times, so please check with your child's keyworker.

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 £5.00 a session.

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 have been exploring the 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.



Maybe you could go on an Autumn Walk in half term and put photos on Tapestry.

Reminders

- Please make sure you always close and **BOLT** the gates - please **DO NOT** prop open any gates or let anyone in that you don't recognise
- 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
HALF TERM	
30th October	First day back - start of Term 2
W/b 30th October	Harvest/Autumn singing - check with keyworkers for details
18th November	Children in Need
6th December	Stay and Play (last hour of the session)
7th December	Christmas Jumper Day
12th December	Christmas singing at St Agnes Church (details to follow)
19th December	Christmas Parties (during your child's normal session)
20th December	Last day of Term 2
CHRISTMAS BREAK	
8th January	Home Visiting day - Nursery closed to all children
9th January	First day back - start of Term 3

Focus Child Observations

Each child will have a Focus Child week where their keyworker will really focus on your child and support their targets. To help us with this we will sending our a questionnaire where you can share your thoughts and views on your child and what you are working on at home. We will then give you some feedback about the Focus week and how your child has got on.