



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.



Parent/Carers Workshops

We are introducing Parent/Carer Workshop this year; Claire Bambrick who is our Family Worker will be carrying these out on the last Wednesday of each month. These will be on various topics such as toileting, English as an Additional Language, Primary School Admissions and School Readiness. Please see key dates overleaf for the dates so far. Keep an eye on social media platforms for further details closer to the dates.

Autumn

We will be exploring Autumn and the changes that happen in the world around us during this term. If you notice any autumn leaves, conkers, acorns, etc. we would love you to bring them in to explore in their classrooms.



Mobile Phones

Please do not be offended if staff ask you to come off your mobile phone. You child(ren) would prefer your undivided attention so they can tell you about their day, let you know how they are feeling or just show you how pleased they are to see you.

Many Thanks



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.



What to bring 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.

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



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 we will be sending out your logins very soon.

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.

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 be sending out a questionnaire where you can share your thoughts and views on your child and what you are working on at home.

At the end of the focus week we will write up an observation on Tapestry detailing how they got on and what they learnt. We will then give you some feedback; this will either be a quick face-to-face meeting or your child's keyworker will give you a call.

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 £5.50 a session.

Please ask for a booking form to secure your place.



Dates for your diary

26th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning - all invited
16th October	Harvest Stay & Play - further details to follow
23rd October	Parent/Carer Workshop - Tapestry Workshop
25th October	Last day of Term 1
HALF TERM - Nursery CLOSED	
4th November	INSET day - nursery closed to ALL children
5th November	First day back - start of Term 2
6th November	Staff available to help with School Application process
17th November	Children in Need
27th November	Parent/Carer Workshop - Toilet Training
4th November	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
11th December	Willows & Orchard Stay and Play (details to follow)
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17th December	Blagdon 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 - finish at 12pm (NO afternoon nursery)
CHRISTMAS BREAK - Nursery CLOSED	
6th January	Home Visiting day - Nursery closed to all children
7th January	First day back - start of Term 3
15th January	Primary School Application