



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.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Hailey to the team. She is based within Sunshine class.



We would also like to welcome Leanne who joins us from Caversham Nursery until Christmas she will be supporting in Snowflake class and with Sunshine class lunches. I am sure you will join us in making them both very welcome.



Claire Bambrick who works across the federation has changed role and is now our family worker. She will be giving support to families and delivering some parent/carer workshops



Nursery Works

I am so pleased to say that we have had the windows of the nursery refurbished and they are now looking beautiful. We have also had additional painting carried out and new flooring in Rainbows class. Which has also made the nursery feel much brighter and welcoming.

Absences and Lateness



Please ensure that you bring your child to nursery on time each day. If on the very rare occasion you are going to be late please call us to let us know. It is important that the children arrive on time as it impacts the whole group if the team needs to be interrupted to welcome a late child. With this in mind we will be leaving the doors open until 9.10am and 12.55pm. If you are late unfortunately you will need to bring your child to reception and you will be asked to wait with them until the end of the group time which could take up to 20 minutes.

If your child is going to be absent from nursery please call us on the 1st day. We have a duty of care to follow up with anyone that has not called us to let us know why their child is absent. Thank you for your understanding. School times are as follows:

9am - 12pm for mornings, 9am - 3.45pm for a full day and 12.45 - 3.45pm for afternoon sessions.

If Your Child Is Unwell

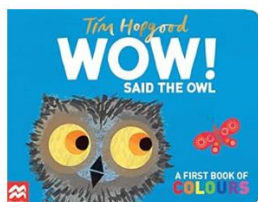
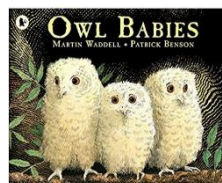
If your child is unwell or not coming to nursery for any reason, please call the office or leave a message on the answer phone. We have a duty of care to follow up any absences on the first day so please do make this call.

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.

Focus Stories in Rainbow class

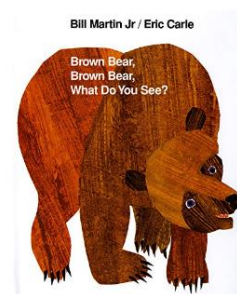
Our focus stories for this term are 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and then later in the term 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen



Focus stories in Sunshine class

Our focus stories for this term are:

'Wow said the Owl by Tim Hopgood' and "Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?" by Eric Carle



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 - when needed
- 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 and Sunshine 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 periods.

Lunch Boxes (Children attending 30 hours)

Please Remember we are a **NUT FREE** School. Please note: We have a child and staff member with serious allergies to nuts.

We provide water for the children to have with their lunch. Please do not send in any other drinks including smoothies. We will send home any food that 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. Please also ensure you cut grapes, sausages etc. length ways. Thank you



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.

Celebrations

Please remember to let us know of any festivals or other celebrations you have in your home

Jean - Head of School

Please find the diary dates for the year on pages 4 and 5. These maybe subject to change.



Diary Dates

We have also sent an updated Term dates sheet for your information. Below are the dates for the autumn term.

Tuesday	17 th Sept	Mid-Autumn Festival (moon festival)
Week Beg:	30 th Sept	Collections for Harvest Festival throughout the week Rainbow
October		Black History Month
Wednesday	9 th Oct	Rainbows Harvest Festival Singing 11.30am for and 2.30pm
Wednesday	9 th -13 th Oct	Durga Puja – Hindu Festival
Tuesday	15 th Oct	Parent Workshop –Toilet Training with Claire more information to follow
Friday	25 th Oct	Last day of Term 1 – Sponsored Scavenger hunt over Half Term.
Nursery closed 28th October -1st November for HALF TERM		
Tuesday	29 th Oct	Republic Day of Turkey
Thursday	31 st Oct	Diwali – Hindu, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhist
Monday	4th Nov	Inset Day - Nursery Closed to all children for Inset
5th November Nursery re-opens for Term 2		
Tuesday	5 th Nov	Guy Fawkes
Monday	11 th Nov	Remembrance Day – we will be respecting this at 11am
Wednesday	13 th Nov	Mark Making and Early Writing Parent Workshop 11.30pm & (2.30pm online)
Friday	15 th Nov	Children in Need
Week beg:	18 th Nov	School Application Information will be sent out this week
Tuesday	26 th Nov	School Application Information and Admission Support Session
Thursday	28 th Nov	Feathers and Fur morning visit TBC
Thursday	28 th Nov	USA – Thanksgiving
Friday	29 th Nov	Feathers and Fur afternoon visit TBC
Saturday	30 th Nov	St. Andrew's Day – Patron Saint of Scotland
Tuesday	10 th Dec	Supporting Positive Behaviour Workshop More information to follow
Thursday	12 th Dec	Save the Children - Christmas Jumper day
Wednesday	18 th Dec	Visit to St John's Church TBC
Thursday	19 th Dec	Last usual sessions for all children
Thursday	19 th Dec	Christmas singalong with Sunshine Families 11.30am for morning families and 3.15pm for 30 hours and pm families

Thursday	19 th Dec	Christmas singing for Rainbow families 11.30am and 2.30pm
Friday	20 th Dec	Christmas Parties for Rainbow and Sunshine children 11.30-1.00pm. Snowflake class TBC
Monday	23 rd Dec	Christmas Break – CLOSED