

Autumn Term
October 2018

The Greenfields Gazette

Welcome to the Autumn term. A big welcome to all our new children and parents/carers across the nursery. We hope that you are all settling into nursery. Please don't hesitate to find one of us if you need to discuss any issues or concerns you may have. We understand how difficult it can be for you and your child to settle so we are ready to help in any way possible. We are all very approachable and are all quite experienced in this area, so will be able to offer advice or tips if needed.

Just a little reminder, please could children who are registered to attend at 9am not arrive any earlier as there are insufficient staff on duty. If you wish to book your child in from 8am, please talk to one of us as this can be arranged. Thank you for your understanding.



One very important reminder. We are a nut free nursery! This means that ANY product containing ANY form of nut, is banned. This includes pesto. This is very serious, as we have a number of children with allergies of varying degrees of severity within the nursery. It does

not have to be direct contact with a nut to cause a serious reaction. Please keep this in mind for the safety of all children.

If you didn't already know, in each room we have a whiteboard to inform you of what activities we have been doing that day. These are written during the morning, ready for you to read when you pick up. A photograph of this is also put onto our Facebook page daily, in case you don't get a chance to read whilst at nursery.

Please feel free to give us a "like" on Facebook (or even leave us a review). We regularly upload pictures and information for you to see what we have been up to.

As usual we ask that children come to nursery with appropriate clothing and footwear, as we do use our outdoor areas as much as possible. Also, it is important that everything is labelled, as we can't remember what item belongs to which child, as much as we do try. Water bottles and the outside of lunchboxes especially please. A spare change of clothes is also extremely useful!

Dates for your diary

October Half Term

Monday 29th October -
Friday 2nd November
Booking forms are available now for the holiday club, please return forms by Wednesday 24th October at the latest. Places are given on a first come first served basis.

Christmas Holidays

Monday 24th December -
Friday 4th January
Please note: the Nursery will be CLOSED for these two weeks.

Term starts again

Monday 7th January 2019

If your child is in nappies, please ensure you check their supply of nappies and wipes regularly. Bearing in mind that we can change a child up to 4 times in a day, sometimes more!

Please could we ask that you provide an icepack inside your child's lunchbox if you have something that needs to be kept cool. We can't possibly fit everyone's lunchboxes in our fridge.

Whilst Rhiannon ("Yoga Bugs") is on Maternity leave, we are delighted to welcome Michelle Ashfield who is doing our Tuesday sessions and Marie Stogden ("Hippabaloo") on Wednesdays.

In the Big Room -

We are delighted that all our new children have settled well and the children who have joined us from the Little Room are enjoying all the new activities on offer in the Big Room.

We will be talking about "Ourselves" How we can express our feelings and who we talk to when we feel sad, scared or anxious. We will talk about our families and friends and discussing our nursery rules:

- We look after our nursery
- We enjoy laughing together
- We are kind and helpful to one another
- We walk in nursery
- We involve each other
- We try to be aware of each others feelings
- We use a quiet voice
- We look and listen carefully

We have introduced a tree in our end room and when a child achieves any of the above they're rewarded with a leaf on the tree.



We will be observing the seasonal changes in our environment and encouraging children to bring things into nursery to put on our sharing table.

We will be leaf painting.

We will be discussing our Makaton signs during registration every week. Please see the white board or our Facebook page to see what the "Sign of the Week" is.

We are trialling "Read Write Inc." this is a method used to help children form their letters correctly and is widely used in Primary schools locally. We continue to practice "Jolly Phonics" every day to teach the children the correct way to pronounce their letter sounds.

As ever we want to make your child's time with us enjoyable and productive. If you have any concerns at all please talk to one of us.

Congratulations to Amanda who has had her baby and named her Harriet.

In the Little Room -

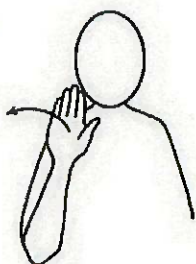
Welcome to our new children and parents, we are really happy that you are settling into nursery life so well! Equally, the children who have joined us from the "Baby Room" have coped very well with their transition.

As Autumn is now upon us we would like to set up an Autumn Play Area. If you have any fallen leaves, conkers, pinecones, or any other Autumn themed natural objects that you may have collected please feel free to contribute them to our area for the children to explore. We also plan to make an Autumn display this half term, the children will be getting creative to help us with this.

We are also looking at farm animals this term, colouring pictures in, sticking, painting etc. Making lots of pictures to decorate our farm area.



hello



Make sign at shoulder height

The children have enjoyed learning our Makaton signs, we try and use simple signs throughout the nursery day and encourage the children to do so. Focussing on our "Sign of the Week". You can find this out by looking at our Whiteboard in the foyer, and also on our Facebook page.

We are planning on introducing a "family tree" in our quiet room. This is part of our "keeping each other safe" topic that we are looking at throughout the nursery. Each child will be given a handprint template, these will become leaves on our tree, the idea is that the children think about people they know that make them feel safe or people they would go to if they needed help. Each finger on the hand print should have a different name on specific to your child. For example, mummy, daddy, grandparents, neighbours, aunts or uncles. It can be anyone that your child knows and feels safe with. We would really like it if you could help your child with this at home and bring it back in when complete. They can decorate if they wish, as long as we can read the names.

For the children that are due to move up to the "Big Room" after October half term we will be introducing some taster sessions within the next few weeks. This is so they can gradually transition into their new room and get used to the new faces and routines in there before they move through properly.

On a positive note we are in the process of making a new mud kitchen in our garden this term!! We already have a lovely new sink to play with and a few pots and pans. We always welcome any old metal pots, pans or utensils that you may like to donate to enhance our play. We are also hoping to test our Green Fingers by surrounding our mud kitchen with some new plants or herbs. If you have any spare

plants or herbs you might like to donate (or even some cuttings) we would really appreciate it. The children love smelling the different things in the garden (we do too!) We hope we're not being too cheeky.

In the Baby Room -

Firstly, we would like to welcome new and existing parents and children into the room.

Thank you very much for all of your feedback regarding the daily sheets, all of the comments have been taken on board and hopefully the revised sheet fulfils the job a bit better.

The children have been doing some autumn painting to decorate the tree and have enjoyed looking at the new display. We would like to set up an autumn discovery tray for the children to explore the different colours and textures around us at this time of year. It would be really helpful if you could bring in any leaves that you find on your walks with your child and we can add them into the tray. Unfortunately, due to their size, we cannot have conkers in the room.



We have been working on our Makaton signs within the room, it would be lovely to hear if your child is signing at home too.



As the colder weather is approaching our love for the outdoors continues. We would appreciate it if you could bring your child's winter gear in for outdoor exploration. This includes a waterproof puddle suit, wellies for children that are walking or waterproof overshoes for those that aren't, hats and gloves, Thank you.