



**Kirkley Nursery & Early Years Centre of Excellence,
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October Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

It's been a very busy and exciting 6 weeks into the autumn term. Firstly I would like to say how fantastic your little ones have been at settling into their new setting. We are all very proud of them. For some children this is the first time away from the home environment in 7 months and they have all been amazing.

Update on BT and Internet

We now have a phone line. Please make a note of our new Nursery number: **01502 273118**. We have today had internet installed to the building after a long wait. This will enable us to complete observations and assessments on your child and share aspects of these with you on our system called 'Tapestry'. We will send you more details soon.

Safeguarding

As you can appreciate safeguarding our children in paramount so please can we ask you all to adhere to safeguarding too. Mobile phones **are not** to be used whilst in the Nursery or it's grounds please.

Polite Reminders

- Our first afternoon session finishes at 4.30pm. If you would like feedback about your child's day the gate will be open from 4.15pm. Our second afternoon session finishes at 5.30pm. If you would like feedback about your child's day, please come before 5.30pm as this will allow for this discussion time. If you would like a longer discussion about your child, then we would be pleased to offer this by making an appointment to see the Nursery staff.
- Please label all belongings which come into nursery, including drinks bottles.
- We encourage healthy eating and drinking as much as possible so please ensure that children have water in their bottles rather than juice
- We are a nut free nursery, no nut products to be in children's packed lunches
- Children must wear practical shoes to nursery please and not wellington boots without a change of shoes.
- Now that the colder weather is here, please make sure children have warm coats, hats and gloves including the babies as we love to explore in all weather.
- Only one adult to enter the Nursery grounds when dropping or collecting your child.
- That everyone entering the Nursery grounds adhere to social distancing.

News from the Hedgehog room

Firstly, Steph and Natalie would like to say a big 'Thank You' for being patient with them whilst they have been enjoying getting to know their children and their families. To make this easier the Hedgehogs have been looking at all their family they share their home with including their pets. They have done this by bringing in photos and if you have not done so yet please could they bring one in if possible as they have found this very helpful and will be looking at 'Family Trees'.



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Hedgehogs have also been busy baking, they baked buns and hedgehog bread. I am sure you will agree they both look delicious!!



During the week of 26.10.2020 -30.10.2020 the hedgehog room will be doing lots of Halloween activities, and would love for our little hedgehogs to dress up in their favourite costumes. Please do not feel the need to go out and purchase a costume as we do have some dressing up available at the nursery.

Squirrels/Owls

Whilst the children have been settling in they have been looking at the topic 'All About Me' where they have made self-portraits using transient art, as well as drawing pictures of their homes, families and pets. We've also spent time talking about our emotions.

The children have been exploring lots of natural resources and spending time in the garden. The children will be taking part in the following topics:

5/10/2020 – 12.10.2020 Travel and transport

Week commencing 19.10.20 Physical Process/ Science Investigation.

Schools Comms

Thank you to everyone who has installed the app, it is now up and running. If you are still experiencing difficulties with the payments, please log in via the School comms website. If the problem still persists please contact the nursery office. We advise like you all to download the School Comms app for upcoming bookings.

Half Term

Parents whose children attend the nursery during term time only (2 years old +), will need to note that the funding finishes Friday 23rd October and will commence again on Monday 2nd November.

If you wish to book your child in for additional sessions during half term, please check with the nursery office to ensure we have the additional spaces available. Full Nursery fees will apply.

Lunches

Unfortunately, during the holidays EATS do not operate a hot meal service. Please remember to provide your child with a pack lunch. Can we also remind you that lunches that EATS supply are not included in your child's fees and need paying via Schoolcomms. Up to 2 year olds £1.65 and over 2 year olds £2.30



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Dates for your diary

Half Term: week commencing 26th October (term time only children)

Christmas holidays: week commencing 21st December and return Monday 4th January (term time only children)

And finally.....

We have received lots of positive feedback from our parents and prospective parents.

One commenting that;

“We were both very impressed with the facilities and the staff interaction with the children”.

All positive messages are passed on to all staff.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the nursery office

Best Wishes

Kate

Nursery Manager.



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