



Garretts Green Nursery School



October Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents,

9th October 2016

FAMILY WOKSHOP - CANCELLED

Unfortunately, we have decided to cancel the workshop planned for Friday 14th October.

This year, we have found that some of the children have taken a little time to settle into Nursery routines and we are concerned that a workshop where parents are present in school may cause some distress which would then take time to overcome. We hope that you understand that this is in the best interests of the children.

We also intended holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning event on that day but this will also be cancelled and replaced by a cake sale at the end of the morning and the afternoon session on Friday 14th October. All the proceeds will be donated to the Macmillan Appeal.

If you would like to donate cakes – large and small, home-made and shop-bought – for the Macmillan cake sale we would be very grateful. Thank you.



Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience or disappointment at the cancellation. We will be holding a Christmas Workshop when the children should be more settled and we hope that you will be able to join us then.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

In Nursery, we will be discussing where our food comes from and thinking about people who have no food as part of our work as a Rights Respecting School.

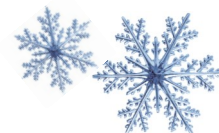
Our Harvest Collection of food helps to support local people who are less fortunate than us and we donate contributions to the local church who manage the food bank.

If you would like to contribute foods for the Harvest Collection please bring tins or packets into school at any time this week. If you would like to donate fresh fruit, vegetables or bread please bring these items into school on Thursday or Friday.

Thank you for your support.



Snowdome Trip



We have had a number of replies and the first instalment of the payment for the Snowdome Trip.

If you would like to join us and have not yet made the first payment please place cash or a cheque for £16.00 (or £32.00 if you prefer to pay in full) in an envelope and post it in the box in the main corridor.

There have been a number of requests for places for additional adults. We will be offering these places next week. Thank you.

We will need to book coaches and provide final numbers to the Snowdome by the end of next week. We will be unable to allocate any places after Monday 17th October.

This is a lovely trip for children and adults alike so come along with us and enjoy the event.

Please note:

- * We are unable to take children who are unaccompanied by an adult
- * Nursery will not be open that day for those children who do not go to the Snowdome

Thank you.

Pupil Premium Forms

Many parents have already returned the Pupil Premium forms which we sent out to you, thank you.

Pupil Premium is designed to offer additional funding to support children in school. It is extremely important to us, especially as we are facing challenging times financially. We therefore urge you to return your forms to us as soon as possible please so that we can access that funding.

Information is secure and does not affect any benefits that you may already be eligible to claim.

If you require another form please speak to Trish in the main office.
Thank you.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School sessions are beginning over the next two weeks but they will be preparation for full sessions after the half-term holiday.

Your child will need named wellies and coat and we will provide any other outer clothing required. The Forest School coats and waterproof trousers will be introduced gradually to the children so that they feel comfortable about getting dressed for outdoor play in Forest School.

Please bring a named coat to school every day now that the weather is getting cooler.

Thank you.

Parents Consultations

Parents Consultations are offered next week during the daily Nursery sessions. Each Key Worker has a day allocated to meet parents to discuss how the children have settled and share our initial assessment information.

In the main corridor, next to each classroom, is a timetable of appointments.

You may choose your preferred appointment time by signing the sheet.

If you prefer a later appointment, we offer one evening session after the half-term break on Monday 31st October from 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

Parents' Consultations during Nursery sessions are as follows:

Morning session: 8.30-11.15am		
Green am	Emma Ashford	Monday
Blue am	Jamie Chapman	Tuesday
Red am	Tracy Rose	Wednesday
Yellow am	Sam Richardson	Thursday

Afternoon session: 12.30-3.15pm		
Green pm	Emma Ashford	Monday
Blue am	Mandy Robertson	Tuesday
Red am	Debbie Bushell	Wednesday
Yellow am	Sam Richardson	Thursday

If you are unable to attend at the times offered, please speak to the member of staff concerned who may be able to arrange an alternative time.

We look forward to seeing you at the Consultations.



Nursery Reunion

Monday 17th October at 4.00pm

We will be holding our Nursery Reunion for children and parents who attended our school last year. If you have an older child who attended previously please come along and join us.

This is a short meeting to allow children to tell us about their new schools and was originally requested by parents.

All welcome!

CONTACT DETAILS

From time to time, we need to contact parents either by phone or by text. We have noticed that some of the contact numbers on your original application forms are no longer in use. Attached is a sheet which we would be grateful if you could complete and return to us by the end of this week, no later than Friday 14th October. Thank you.



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School closure

**We will be holding a staff training day on
Monday 5th December**

School will therefore be closed on that day.

All schools must close for a number of training days throughout the year. This day will allow us to moderate our assessments so that we can ensure accuracy. This is important to each of you—we know how exciting it is when you receive your child's report or information about their progress.

It is also essential that judgements are accurate as OFSTED Inspections examine school assessment data and need to know how well the children perform.

This training day will help us to ensure that we make accurate judgements.

Monday 5th December - School closed!

Future of Nursery Schools

You may have seen recent news coverage of the challenges to Nursery School funding. Across the country, the financial pressures on this high quality educational provision are enormous and, as a result of dwindling budgets, over 200 Nursery Schools have closed over recent years.

I have attended meetings in London with Claire, our Assistant Headteacher, to campaign through an All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for appropriate levels of funding for our schools before the provision and the expertise is lost.

Recently, the APPG has managed to ensure a less fragile future for us for the next two years but after that the future is less certain.

You will, I am sure, understand how important this is to us. We have worked tirelessly over a number of years to become a fully inclusive school which caters for the individual needs of every child. We hope that the start to school life is a positive experience for every child in our care and that we secure positive outcomes from an early age. We can't imagine a future when we are unable to provide for local children and their families.

If there is any opportunity for parents to contribute to the campaign we would like to invite you to be involved and will share any details with you over time.

In the meantime, we will continue to fight for funding that provides a more secure future for Nursery School provision.

Lesley, Claire and the Nursery Team

**We break up for the half term holiday on
Friday 21st October
and return on Monday 31st October**

Thank you again for all your support!