



# Garretts Green Nursery School

## Autumn Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents,

21st September 2018

Thank you for all your support during the induction period you have done a superb job preparing your children for the start of their schooling. The majority of them are settled and having fun as they find their way around the building, meet the staff and other children and enjoy the activities. It is a pleasure to see them so happy.

Nursery really is a lovely place to learn and grow and your children are a joy!

Over the next few weeks we will be completing our initial assessments and we will share these with you at parental consultations.

We will shortly send out a short questionnaire about the induction process and how it worked for you and your child.

Thank you again for your support.  
Claire and the Staff Team

### **Before School Breakfast Club**

We are offering a breakfast club from 8.25-8.55 am at a cost of £2 per session, payable half termly in advance.

### **After School Club**

If a 3.00pm collection causes you some difficulties, why not consider After School Club? We are running an after-school provision from 2.55pm to 3.30pm for children who are eligible for a 30 hour place currently at a cost of £2 per session, at a cost of £2 per session payable half termly in advance.

### **REMINDER 30 HOUR CODES**

Please can I remind all of the parents receiving the 30 hours funded childcare that the code will need to be renewed every **three months** otherwise your eligibility may stop. Childcare Choices should send you an email to remind you, but it maybe worth you checking when your code is due for renewal.

Could we please ask parents to let Trish know when the code has been renewed. Thank you.

## **Parental Consultations**

During the second week after half term, we will be holding our Parental Consultations. These are extremely important meetings about your child's attainment and how he or she has settled in school. You are all urged to attend.

Each Family Group (Colour Group) has a specific date for consultations, details below. In addition, we also offer one after-school consultation for parents who are unable to attend during the day on:

### **After School Consultation : Monday 12th November 2018 3.45-5.30.**

Should you have any concerns regarding your child's attainment or progress, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's Key Worker or Claire, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Monday 12th November : Green Group, morning and afternoon appointments**

**Tuesday 13th November: Yellow Group, morning and afternoon appointments**

**Thursday 15th November: Orange Group, morning appointments only and Blue afternoon appointments only**

Appointments will be available for booking at the beginning of October. Sheets will be with each Key Worker. Please sign up early to ensure that you are able to book a convenient appointment. Thank you.

## **Attendance**

We were all very pleased with the attendance of the children across the Nursery during the first few weeks of the new term. Thank you.

We do appreciate that this is your child's first year in school and that they will be mixing with large numbers of other children who share germs! If your child is ill, the best place to be is at home but please remember to:

- **Phone school on the first day of absence so that we know your child is ill and what the illness is.**
- **Let us know if your child has a contagious illness such as chicken pox (it may be necessary to inform parents as some childhood illnesses may be dangerous during pregnancy).**
- **Tell us if your child has a more serious illness such as measles.**
- **Keep your child at home until the illness has subsided. There are different guidelines for different illnesses so please ask for advice when you call us.**
- **Vomiting and diarrhoea always requires 48 hours at home after the last bout.**

## **Absence for Holidays**

Several parents have asked me what they should do about holidays during the school term which were booked prior to their child starting at Nursery.

There is an expectation that all children will be in school every day. However, if you have booked a holiday and your child is likely to be absent from Nursery school please ask a member of staff for the appropriate document to fill in.

I must stress that I am no longer allowed to **authorise** any absence due to holidays in term-time and your child's holiday will be recorded as unauthorised. Please try to avoid booking holidays in term-time if possible. Thank you for your support.

## **Tapestry**

In order for you to be able to see and add to your child's on-line learning journey via Tapestry, please if you haven't already email the address below with your name, your child's name and colour Group. This will then ensure that your secure access can be set up.

You will be able to see what your child has been doing in Nursery and also to add photographs or make comments on the posted observations by teachers.

**tapestry@garretts.bham.sch.uk**

### **My First Week in Nursery School**

Your child's 'My First Week in Nursery' will be available on Tapestry next week if you have sent an email to the above address and Emma has set up your secure access.

If you have any questions about this or any other issue please speak to your child's Key Worker.



## **Forest School**

Our Forest School sessions begin next week when the children will be introduced to the rules of Forest School. They will try on the waterproof clothing and practice changing into wellies.

Please make sure that your child has wellies in school from now on so that their feet stay dry. On your child's coat peg there is a wellies bag, this should not be taken home. Wellies should be named and placed in a plastic bag inside the fabric bag.

If the weather is very wet or very cold, we occasionally need to work indoors. We continue to work outdoors in most weather conditions but when temperatures are extreme we have found that the children often become distressed. We usually offer activities that support the Forest School philosophy on these occasions.



**Tuesday: Green Group and Yellow Group morning and afternoon Forest School sessions**

**Wednesday: Blue and Orange Groups Forest School sessions.**

## **Safety and security**

**Please remember to close the gates behind you!**

**It is extremely important that the gates are bolted at the top as failing to do so this would put our children in danger.**

**Thank you.**



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**MacMillan Coffee Morning**

In order to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support we are asking for cake donations to support our MacMillan family Coffee Morning or afternoon on

**Thursday 18th October 2018.**

The coffee **morning** runs from **8.55am to 9.55am for the morning and full time children.**

The coffee **afternoon** runs from **1.55pm to 2.55pm for the afternoon children.**

Everyone is welcome! If you are unable to join us yourself, any member of the family may come along to spend some time with your child.

Please note that younger children are welcome but we have no crèche facilities so parents are responsible for their care.

We are unable to have pushchairs indoors as they present a hazard in the narrow corridors or busy classrooms.

**Please could we ask for cake donations from Monday 15th October .**

**Thank you**

**Harvest Celebrations**

We will be collecting food for the Harvest Celebration from **Monday 8th October** and we would be grateful for any donations of tins, packets, jars, etc. Please hand your donations to any member of staff.

The food is passed on to the local food bank to provide aid for families in need and is appreciated by all involved. Thank you in advance for your support.

**We break up for the half term holiday on  
Friday 26th October  
and return on  
Monday 5th November**

**Thank you again for all your support!**

*Claire and the Nursery Staff Team*