

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new school year, and a special welcome to our new families who are joining us. This is a busy time of year for us, as we get to know you and your children and help the children settle into nursery. It is lovely to walk around school and see lots of happy, busy children.

The Autumn term is an exciting term, with lots of special events and experiences. As we move into Autumn the children will be learning about the changing season. After half term we will enjoy our bonfire experience and then we will get ready for Christmas which is a magical time for young children.

At the end of last term, we sent out a parent survey. We are always grateful for feedback and ideas of how we can improve. Please see below for more information on the survey responses.

I look forward to getting to know you all as the term progresses. Please do come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes, Helen Ackerman (Head teacher)

### Class Dojo

Class Dojo is one of the main ways we communicate with our families and parents have commented that they really like this communication platform.

Some parents have requested more personalised information about their child. So this year, we will be using the profile section more frequently. This is the section where parents and carers just see photos and information about their child. We will also be moving away from using paper observations for your child's focus observation week, to posting these all on Class Dojo, which will mean parents and carers have instant access to information rather than having to wait to see a paper copy.

If you haven't signed up to Dojo yet, please speak to your child's keyworker and they will be happy to help you.



### Dates and Events

In our parent survey, we had lots of positive comments about our curriculum and the range of experiences we offer for the children. Some parents requested for more notice for specific events. This year we have laid out our whole school calendar in an easier to read format. This can be found on our website. We will endeavour to send out diary dates for specific events more promptly. Please see diary dates on the next page, for important dates/events coming up.



### Governor News

Sarah Howley stepped down as a governor this month after 5 years. We are very grateful to her for her support.

Last term we welcomed two new parent governors Nicola O'Farrell and Amma Manning.

This week the governors will be meeting for a strategy day, where they will look around the school and find out about our priorities for the school year.



### Coffee Mornings

We will be starting parent and carer coffee mornings this term. These will be an opportunity to chat to staff and other parents, as well as find out information on specific topics. We appreciate it's not easy for all parents to attend due to work commitments, so we will hold them on different days of the week to try and suit different work patterns. If your child attends in the afternoon, they will be welcome to join the nursery in the morning whilst you have a coffee.



#### Thursday 19th October—9am—9.45am

As well as a general chat, we will also be talking about primary school admissions.

#### Friday 1st December—9am—9.45am

As well as a general chat, we will be sharing information on children's health needs.

### Buggy Shed

We have a large covered shed near our main entrance where buggies, scooters and bikes can be left. Please use the shed rather than leaving buggies and scooters on the grass by the wooden gate. There is also a covered area near Treetops, for Treetops parents to use.

Thank you.



### Phones

Please can we remind parents not to use phones on the school site. This is an important part of our safeguarding policy and it's also important that children are being fully supervised when dropped off or picked up. Thank you for your support with this.



### What's happening this term...

**Week Beginning 2nd October:** This week your child will receive some Autumn home learning.

**Half Term 23rd—27th October:** School closed

**Monday 30th October:** School closed for INSET day - staff training

**Week beg. 6th November:** Bonfire Experience -All children will enjoy a bonfire and some hot chocolate.

**Week beg. 9th October:** Over the next two weeks groups will be going for Autumn Walks—further details will be sent out by keyworkers

**Week beg. 13th November:** Nursery Rhyme Week—nursery rhyme activities and singing sessions. This is a sponsored event.

**December** - There are lots of Christmas events happening in December. Further information and dates will be sent out.