

Ditton Nursery School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

1st December 2022

Dates for your Diary

08/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day
09/12/22	Delamere Forest Trip
13/12/22	Visit to Barkla Fields
16/12/22	Christmas Party
20/12/22	Christmas Performance This is My Gift
20/12/22	Christmas Raffle
20/12/22	Autumn Term 2 Snack Payment Due
20/12/22	End of Term
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15/01/23	Applying for a Primary School Place

Dear Parents/Carer

We are delighted to welcome back all the children who have returned to us and are pleased at how well the new children are settling in to 'life at nursery'. If your child started in September I've attached a questionnaire for you to fill in. If your child is returning there are some questions we would like you to ask your child to help gain their view of nursery school.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Best wishes

Liane Johnson Executive Headteacher

2 Year Olds

During Autumn we have explored a range of sensory activities to build on the children's motor skills and extend their vocabulary.



We have introduced a nursery rhyme a week which we sing and sign at different times throughout each session, the children are being to use repeated Makaton signs independently in their play. Our favourite this term was Miss Polly had a Dolly. The children have dressed up as Doctors and Nurses while developing their mark making skills writing prescriptions and letters to Miss Polly. Our sensory activities and role play provide opportunities for the adults to build and extend vocabulary.



3-4 Year Olds

We have been learning about ourselves, our families and our emotions, plus settling into school and learning to make new friends.

We've also been learning about the story of Diwali, how it is celebrated and how this festival is similar to some of our own eg Bonfire Night and Christmas. We tasted some food and made some coconut Diwali sweets.

We took part in Nursery Rhyme of the Week and loved reciting them.

We read Room on the Broom which we linked in with Halloween. We are getting to know the story really well. We made exploding potions, explored rhyming spells and immersed ourselves in the witches kitchen.

We also read another Julia Donaldson book - Superworm, which is linked to our Autumn Trip and the Superworm Trial at Delamere Forest. We have also been learning more about worms through digging for them, making a wormery and making edible worms and soil.

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

Please remember that **EVERY ONE MUST FILL IN A HALTON FORM**
Apply on Line www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions or Visit your local Direct Link
DO NOT rely on an individual school form.
Last date for applications is 15th Jan 2023

Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 8th December 2022 is Christmas Jumper Day, children are welcome to come to nursery school in their Christmas Jumper or anything Christmassy!



Visit to Barkla Fields

The children have been invited to sing for the residents at Barkla Fields on **Tuesday 13th December 2022** at 10.00am.



Children will walk to the St Patricks and we are asking if parents/carers are available and would like to assist us in walking with the children. Please email Mandie on sec@affns.halton.sch.uk as soon as possible.

Delamere Forest Trip

On **Friday 9th December 2022**, we would like to give all the children the opportunity to join us in visiting Delamere Forest during the morning session.

Nursery school will be closed on this day, therefore there will be no afternoon session taking place.



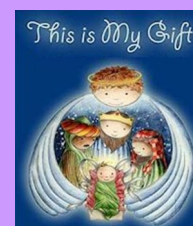
Christmas Party

At last, the day we have all been waiting for, the Christmas Party!!! **Friday 16th December 2022**. Children are welcome to come dressed in their party clothes or fancy dress.

Christmas Performance – This is My Gift

The children will be taking part in their nativity production of This is My Gift on **Tuesday 20th December 2022 at 10.45am**.

The children will be sending invites home and we ask that in exchange for the invite you would be able to donate a raffle prize.



Christmas Raffle

Raffle Tickets will be sent home soon priced at £1.00 per strip. We already have some wonderful prizes! The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Performance



End of Term Holidays

Nursery School will close early on

Tuesday 20th December 2022

Morning Children — 11.00am

Afternoon Children — 2.20pm

Nursery School will re-open on **Thursday 5th January 2023**



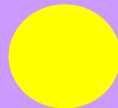
Water bottles- You can bring in a named bottle with water only (not juice or flavoured water) and put it in the box above your child's peg for them to have a drink whenever they choose during the session. These must be taken home after the session to be refilled ready for the next day. Please be aware that staff will empty out anything other than water. Water is the healthiest option for your child & their teeth. Other drinks may also pose a risk to another child with



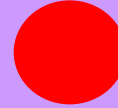
Attendance We are already assessing all children and planning to support their next steps. It is really important for children to come every day to ensure that they are not missing any of the exciting things we have planned. If your child is not well please contact to let us know.



Green (97%+) is good attendance



Amber (91-96%) is a cause for concern



Red (below 90%) is poor

Snack money for this half term is **£10.00**. Can we remind parents that snack is in addition to your child's nursery funding so can you please also pay snack for this current half term if you haven't already done so.



Payments can be made: Half Termly - £10.00
Termly - £20.00 Full year - £60.00

Payments

Can we ask that all payments - snack money, trip money etc be paid into the nursery school bank account.

Please ensure all payments are clearly identified with your child's name and details.



Contacts

Please note email addresses have changed:

sec@affns.halton.sch.uk

You can also contact us via the mobile through WhatsApp **07310 051855**

Home/School Library Reading to your child is really important in teaching them about books and developing pre reading skills.

We ask that children have a bag to protect the book as it moves between home and school. Children can choose a book to share at home. Book bags are on sale £4.00.

We would like to display photos of your child and their families reading books so please send in any photos you may have for us to display.



Privacy Notice

Please find the privacy notice relating to data protection on our notice board & web site.

Disabled Car Park Spaces

Please do not park in these spaces unless you are registered disabled and are displaying your blue badge. Staff will challenge anyone who is parking here unless they can see badge



Yellow Zig Zags – Parking

Can we ask that parents do not park outside of nursery school on the Yellow Zig - Zags. These lines are here for a reason – the safety of all the children.

