

Aspiring Foundations Federated Nursery School

Ditton Nursery School Autumn Term Newsletter



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 Sept 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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you about a few points and to give you advance warning of some things which will be happening throughout the year.

30 Hour Children – Could you please make sure your child's name is on all their lunch bags & bottles. Please don't give your child too much – a sandwich, fruit & yoghurt plus a drink is fine. **GRAPES** must be cut in half lengthways so they are not a choking hazard, your child should always have a drink too please.

Home/School Library Reading to your child is really important in teaching them about books and developing pre reading skills. Children can choose a book each day to share at home. Book bags are on sale for £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.



Water bottles- You can bring in a named bottle with **water** only (not juice or flavoured water) and put it in the tray in the classroom 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, other drinks may pose a risk to another child with allergies.

Please bring in an A4 file and a family photograph so that we can start to record your child's time at nursery

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 phone to let us know.

Perfect Attendance!



Could all children please have an appropriate coat and wellies **(all named)** at nursery – we try to go outside everyday!



Can children please come in velcro shoes **(NOT laces or difficult to put on trainers)**. We aim to encourage all children to be independent and shoes they can put on by themselves will help with this.

Snack money for this half term is £8.00 for 15 hour children £16.00 for 30 hour children. 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.



Disabled Car Park Spaces

Please do not park in this **disabled space** unless you are registered disabled and are displaying your blue badge. Please do not park on the **YELLOW ZIG ZAGS**. This is for the safety of all the children when accessing the car park area. Staff will challenge anyone who is parking in these areas unless they can see badge displayed and you will be asked to move.



Half Term Holidays

School will close
Friday 25th Oct.
We re-open at the
usual times on
Tuesday 5th Nov

Food Bank

Widnes Food bank helps to feed local people in crisis by collecting tinned and dried food. If you are able to spare any items such as breakfast cereals, tinned fruit and veg, tinned tomatoes, rice and sponge pudding, sugar, UHT milk, fruit juice and tinned custard then please place them into the food bank box on Reception.

Thank you

Privacy Notice

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



APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

Please remember that **EVERY ONE MUST FILL IN A HALTON FORM**
 Apply on Line www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissionsor or Visit your local Direct Link
DO NOT rely on an individual school form.
Last date for applications is 15th Jan 2020

Stay and Play

These sessions are an opportunity for you to Stay and Play with your child during the session at nursery - to look at the sorts of things they do, to see how we speak to children, and how we engage them in learning. As well as this there is chance for a cup of tea and chat with your child's key person, as well as getting to know the other parents in your child's group. We also use this time to talk about ways you can support your child at home. We have set dates for the year as follows:

Autumn Term	Laura's Group	Wed	06/11/19	PM Session
	Laura's Group	Wed	06/11/19	AM Session
	Joanne's Group	Thur	07/11/19	PM Session
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Spring Term	Joanne's Group	Tue	03/03/20	PM Session
	Joanne's Group	Tue	03/03/20	AM Session
	--	Wed	04/03/20	PM Session
	--	Wed	04/03/20	AM Session
	Laura's Group	Thur	05/03/20	PM Session
	Laura's Group	Thur	05/03/20	AM Session
Summer Term	--	Tues	02/06/20	PM Session
	--	Tues	02/06/20	AM Session
	Laura's Group	Wed	03/06/20	PM Session
	Laura's Group	Wed	03/06/20	AM Session
	Joanne's Group	Thur	04/06/20	PM Session
	Joanne's Group	Thur	04/06/20	AM Session
	--	Frid	05/06/20	PM Session
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Post Box

We have a post box situated in the hallway. Parents can post snack money, trip money and any other replies or information. Please ensure all payments are in an envelope clearly labelled with child's name and contents



LIFESAVERS Fancy Dress Day

Aiden Jackson has invited us to join him in his fundraising for a Community Defibrillator. Aiden has asked the children to wear fancy dress - emergency service or anything your child would like to wear for a suggested donation of £1.00.



World Nursery Rhyme Week

We will be taking part in this 18th Nov -22nd Nov. Lots of activities planned



Diwali

To help the children learn about different cultures we have a lady called Deela coming to read a Diwali story, dress in traditional costume and teach some Indian dancing.

Future dates to remember:

Autumn Term

Fr	18 th Oct	Diwali Dancer
Tue	22 nd Oct	Norton Priory Trip
Wed	23 rd Oct	Aiden Jackson LIFESAVERS
Fri	25 th Oct	Nursery School Closes
Tue	5 th Nov	Nursery School Opens
Wed	6 th Nov	Stay & Play Week
Fri	15 th Nov	Children in Need
Mon	18 th Nov	World Nursery Rhyme Week
Tue	10 th Dec	Hanukah Celebrations
Tue	10 th Dec	Singing at Barkla Fields
Thur	12 th Dec	Christmas Pantomime
Tue	17 th Dec	Christmas Party
Wed	18 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon	16 th Dec	Christmas Sing Along
Wed	18 th Dec	Nursery School Closes

Spring Term

Tue	7 th Jan	Nursery School Opens
Wed	15th Jan	Primary School Application
		Last date for applying for a Sept 2020 school place
Fri	24 th Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations
Fri	14 th Feb	Nursery School Closes
Mon	24 th Feb	Nursery School Opens
Thu	5 th Mar	World Book Day
Thur	5 th Mar	Stay & Play Week
Mon	9 th Mar	Holi Celebrations
Fri	13 th Mar	Sports Relief
Fri	27 th Mar	Farmer Ted's Trip
Fri	3 rd Apr	Nursery School Closes

Summer Term

Tue	21 st Apr	Nursery School Opens
Thu	23 rd Apr	St George Day Celebrations
Thu	30 th Apr	Sponsor Day
Fri	22 nd May	Eid ul Fitr Celebrations
Fri	22 nd May	Nursery School Closes
Tue	2 nd Jun	Nursery School Opens
Tue	2 nd Jun	Stay & Play Week
Mon	22 nd Jun	Imagine That Trip**
Tue	21 st Jul	Picnic & Fun Day
Fri	21 st Jul	Nursery School Closes

** Provisional Dates

Aspiring Foundations Federated Nursery Schools – Website
 Our new website is now up and running you will find us at :
www.warringtonroad.halton.sch.uk/Pages/AFFNS-Homepage

