

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'. We think that the children are really coping well with leaving parents/carers at the door and we are amazed by their independence.

At this time of the school year we usually send out some questionnaires, due to the current situation these questionnaires will be sent to parents/carers through email so please ensure you check your emails regularly.

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.

Water bottles- You can bring in a named bottle with **water** only (not juice or flavoured water) this goes in the child's 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 make sure you have sent in an A4 file and family photograph so that we can start to record your child's time at nursery.



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.

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. **Please also let us know if they have had a Covid test and are off for this reason.**



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 displayed and you will be asked to move.



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



Half Term Holidays
School will close
Friday 23rd Oct.
We re-open at the usual times on
Tuesday 3rd Nov



We now have a Mobile Phone that we can be contacted on
You can message or WhatsApp us on
07310 051855

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 January 2021

Stay & Play

We are sorry but at the moment we are unable to offer our usual 'Stay and Play' sessions due to the current Covid situation. We understand that this is difficult for you as usually you would have been able to come in during a nursery session, play with your child, and also have a chance to chat to your child's teacher, key person and myself or Maraide about how they are settling, any concerns you might have, and what we feel they need next. To try and address this we will be:

- Making children's on line Learning Journals available to you as soon as we know about parental consent. We cannot do this until we are sure we have this for all parents so please send this back as soon as possible.
- Sending you some next steps for your child and some ideas for how you can continue to support learning at home. These will also support you if your child has to self-isolate, or if the Nursery School has to close due to Covid.
- Arranging for you to have a phone call with your child's qualified teacher to chat about how they have settled, their next steps, and to answer any of your questions/concerns.
- Please let us know which time slot you would prefer. If you are unable to make any of the times please let me know.
- Sending out a newsletter and some additional information which you might find useful.
- Keeping our Facebook pages updated – please 'like' our page to see additional things that the children are interested in and a general overview about what is happening at Nursery School, plus reminders about school holidays etc.



World Nursery Rhyme Week
We will be taking part in this
16th Nov -20th Nov.

Lots of activities planned



Diwali

To help the children learn about different cultures we will read the story of Diwali, dress in traditional costume and teach some Indian dancing.

Contact Numbers

Please ensure you inform us of any changes in contact number, information & email address.

**Aspiring Foundations Federated
Nursery Schools – Website**

Our new website is now up and running you will find us at :

www.aspiringfoundationschools.uk

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Future dates to remember:

Autumn Term

Fri 23rd Oct
Tue 3rd Nov
Tue 3rd Nov
Thu 12th Nov
Fri 13th Nov
Mon 16th Nov
Fri 4th Dec
Fri 11th Dec
Fri 11th Dec
Tue 15th Dec
Thu 17th Dec

Spring Term

Tue 5th Jan
Fri 15th Jan
Fri 12th Feb
Fri 12th Feb
Mon 22nd Feb
Thu 4th Mar
Mon 8th Mar
Fri 19th Mar
Fri 26th Mar
Thu 1st Apr

Summer Term

Tue 20th Apr
Fri 23rd Apr
Mon 3th May
Fri 7th May
Fri 14th May
Fri 28th May
Tue 8th Jun
Mon 14th Jun
Mon 19th Jul
Thu 22nd Jul

Nursery School Closes

Nursery School Opens

Stay & Play Week (phone)

Diwali Celebrations

Children in Need

World Nursery Rhyme Week

Hanukkah Celebrations

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Sing Along (video)

Christmas Party

Nursery School Closes

Nursery School Opens

Primary School Application

Last date for applying for a Sept 2021 school place

Chinese New Year Celebrations

Nursery School Closes

Nursery School Opens

World Book Day

Stay & Play Week (phone)

Sports Relief

Holi Celebrations

Nursery School Closes

Nursery School Opens

St George Day Celebrations

Bank Holiday

Sponsor Day

Eid ul Fitr Celebrations

Nursery School Closes

Nursery School Opens

Stay & Play Week (phone)

Picnic & Fun Day

Nursery School Closes

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE