

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 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.

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. We are starting to offer our home school book scheme again. As you are not coming in to the setting at the moment we will support children to choose a book at the end of their session and bring it home to share with you. 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.



Water bottles- You can bring in a named bottle with water only (not juice or flavoured water) into the classroom for your child 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 pose a risk to another child with allergies.

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.



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 15 hour £16.00 30 hour. 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: 15 Hour Children Half Termly - £8.00 Termly - £16.00 Full year - £48.00
30 Hour Children Half Termly - £16.00 Termly - £32.00 Full year - £96.00



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

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.

Half Term Holidays
School will close Friday 22nd Oct. We re-open at the usual times on Tuesday 2th Nov



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.

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.



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 2022

Stay and play We have been thinking about how we can offer this so that you can come into the setting and spend time with your child, speak to you child's key person and teacher, and still ensure that everyone feels as safe as possible. Whilst infection rates in Halton are still quite high, and young children are often asymptomatic, we have decided to offer this as an outside session for an hour at the start of your child's session time. We will use the classroom, the outside covered play space (if wet), and the outdoor area if possible to ensure that everyone can socially distance and ventilation is maximised. There will be time to play with your child and to discuss their progress with their key person and your child's teacher. Amanda/Lynn will also be there to talk to you. Nearer to the time we will be asking about your intention to attend so that we can complete our risk assessment.



Trips We intend to start out termly trips back up again this year. We rely on parents attending to help us to run these safely. Without parent/carer help we could not offer this valuable learning experience for our children. This term we are planning to go on Autumn walk to Delamere on the morning of Friday 5th November. More information to follow soon re costs and session times.



Future dates to remember:

Autumn Term

Fri	22 nd Oct	Nursery School Closes
Tue	2 nd Nov	Nursery School Opens
Tue	2 nd Nov	Diwali Dancer
Fri	5 th Nov	Delamere Forest Trip
Wed	10 th Nov	Nursery School Photo's
Thur	11 th Nov	Stay & Play
Fri	12 th Nov	Children in Need
Mon	15 th Nov	Nursery Rhyme Week
Mon	29 th Nov	Hanukah Celebrations
Fri	10 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri	17 th Dec	Christmas Party
Tue	21 st Dec	Christmas Sing Along
Tue	21 st Dec	Nursery School Closes

Spring Term

Thu	6 th Jan	Nursery School Opens
Sat	15th Jan	Primary School Application
<i>Last date for applying for a Sept 2022 school place</i>		
Tue	1 st Feb	Chinese New Year Celebrations
Fri	18 th Feb	Nursery School Closes
Mon	28 th Feb	Nursery School Opens
Thu	3 rd Mar	World Book Day
Mon	14 th Mar	Stay & Play Week
Thu	17 th Mar	Holi Celebrations
Fri	18 th Mar	Comic Relief
Fri	25 th Mar	Farmer Ted's Trip**
Fri	1 st Apr	Nursery School Closes

Summer Term

Wed	20 th Apr	Nursery School Opens
Fri	22 nd Apr	St George Day Celebrations
Mon	2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Mon	2 nd May	Eid ul Fitr Celebrations
Fri	6 th May	Sponsor Day
Fri	27 th May	Nursery School Closes
Tue	7 th Jun	Nursery School Opens
Mon	20 th Jun	Imagine That Trip**
Tue	21 st Jun	Stay & Play Week
Tue	19 th Jul	Picnic & Fun Day
Wed	20 th Jul	Nursery School Closes

** Provisional Dates

Term	Group	Day	Date	Session
Autumn Term	Joanne's Group	Thur	11/11/21	AM Session
	Joanne's Group	Thur	11/11/21	PM Session
	Nadia's Group	Fri	12/11/21	AM Session
	Katie's Group	Fri	12/11/21	PM Session
Spring Term	Nadia's Group	Mon	14/03/22	AM Session
	Katie's Group	Mon	14/03/22	PM Session
	Joanne's Group	Tue	15/03/22	AM Session
	Joanne's Group	Tue	15/03/22	PM Session
	--	Wed	16/03/22	AM Session
	--	Wed	16/03/22	PM Session
Summer Term	--	Tue	21/06/22	AM Session
	--	Tue	21/06/22	PM Session
	Nadia's Group	Wed	22/06/22	AM Session
	Katie's Group	Wed	22/06/22	PM Session
	Joanne's Group	Thur	23/06/22	AM Session
	Joanne's Group	Thur	23/06/22	PM Session

Session Times

Drop Off

Morning & 30 Hour Children
8.30am – 8.45pm

Afternoon Children 12.20pm – 12.30pm

Pick Up

Morning Children 11.20am – 11.30am

30 Hour Children 2.20pm – 2.30pm

Afternoon Children 3.10pm – 3.20pm

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