

Aspiring Foundations Federated Nursery School

Ditton Nursery School Spring Term Newsletter



We welcomed 8 new children after Christmas and are really pleased at the way they are settling into their groups so quickly. If your child started in January I've attached a questionnaire for you to fill in. If your child started earlier I have attached a children's questionnaire for you to talk about together.

Parent feedback is really important to us and helps us. I would be grateful if you could fill it in and return it to us.

End of Term Holidays

Nursery school will close after your child's usual session on **Friday 1st April**
Early Close 11.00am & 2.30pm
 we re open on
Wednesday 20th April



World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

Children can come dressed as a character from a book if they wish. Each child will receive a voucher for a free book, or against another book of their choice.

Primary School Places for September 2022 School Admissions have now closed.

If you didn't apply for a school place for your child for September 2022 Please come and speak to a member of staff ASAP.



Farmer Teds Trip

We have booked a day at the farm for **Friday 25th March**. There is lots to do here - animals to look at, feed and touch; minibeasts; tractor rides, indoor & outdoor play areas. We subsidise the visit to keep the costs as low as possible & would like parents/carers to come and enjoy the fun as well.

More information to follow but please come & see us if you would like to start paying weekly

Supporting your child at home

Each half term we email out a sheet of things you can play with/do at home with your child. They are really easy practical things based on your child's current interest. They all have a link to a story to share with your child. Evidence shows that when parents/carers support their children in learning at home their success at school is greater. This can be sharing books at bedtime, playing simple board games, I spy, lego etc. Have a look at the ideas we send out to you & have a go!



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. We will run the sessions outside again this term so please come dressed for the weather! There will be a chance to chat to your child's key person, their qualified teacher & senior staff plus a chance to play with your child at nursery school. 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:

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
	Laura's Group	Wed	16/03/22	AM Session
	Laura's Group	Wed	16/03/22	PM Session

Dropping off & Picking up of children

Can we just remind all parents and family members of the drop off and pick up times of children. The purpose of this is so the groups are not continually disturbed during the session.

Drop Off

8.30 - 8.40am
 12.20 - 12.30pm
 30 Hour Pick up

Pick Up

11.20 - 11.30pm
 3.10 - 3.20pm
 2.20 - 2.30pm



Thanks for your support in this matter

Comic Relief Day

Children are welcome to come dressed in Red or Fancy Dress.
 Friday 18th March Donation's welcome



Please ensure all your child's clothing is clearly marked with their name

Attendance We are continually 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. **Attendance for the last Term was 75.7%**



30 Hour Children

Could you please ensure 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. Also could you make sure that GRAPES are cut in half lengthways so are not a choking hazard and could children always have a drink too please.

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.



Contact Numbers

Please ensure you inform us of any changes in contact number/information.

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



Water bottles- You can bring in a named bottle with water in (not juice or flavoured water) and put it in the box 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 which isn't water, as water is the healthiest option for your child, and anything else might pose a risk to another child with allergies.

Please drive carefully outside the centre.

Please also remember to use the car park and not park on the yellow zig – zags

Easter Bonnet Parade & Raffle

We will have an Easter Bonnet Parade and Raffle W/C 28/03/22
Draw for the raffle will take place on 01/04/22.

More info to follow....



Parental Governor

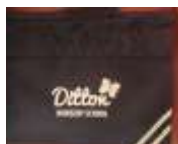
We have a vacancy for A Parent Governor.

As a parent Governor you will:

- Help decide priorities for improving the school
- Work in partnership with the headteacher, senior leaders, other governors to raise standards & improve outcomes.

Please come & speak to Amanda/Lynn if you would like more information!

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. Book Bags help keep the books in good condition



Amanda Butler left us for a new job at Christmas & we are pleased to welcome Marianne Douthwaite to our team. Marianne will work in the office each day from 11 – 2pm.

Privacy Notice

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

Future dates to remember:

Spring Term

Fri 18th Feb
Mon 28th Feb
Thu 3rd Mar
Mon 14th Mar
Thu 17th Mar
Fri 18th Mar
Fri 25th Mar
Fri 1st Apr
Fri 1st Apr

Nursery School Closes Nursery School Opens

World Book Day
Stay & Play Week
Holi Celebrations
Comic Relief
Farmer Ted's Trip
Easter Bonnet Parade & Raffle
Nursery School Closes

Summer Term

Wed 20th Apr
Fri 22nd Apr
Mon 2nd May
Mon 2nd May
Fri 6th May
Fri 27th May
Wed 8th Jun
Mon 20th Jun
Tue 21st Jun
Tue 19th Jul
Wed 20th Jul

Nursery School Opens

St George Day Celebrations
Bank Holiday
Eid ul Fitr Celebrations
Sponsor Day
**Nursery School Closes
Nursery School Opens**
Imagine That Trip**
Stay & Play Week
Picnic & Fun Day
Nursery School Closes

** Provisional Dates



The Queen's Pantry - Community Shop

It's a project by Feeding Britain and is the step between food banks and big supermarkets, low cost food and household items for struggling families, there is no discrimination anyone is welcome to come, the new store is called the Queens Pantry and it is located at Queens Avenue shops, we are open Monday - Friday 10-4