



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.

**Water bottles-** You can bring in a named bottle with water in (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 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 bring in an A4 file and photographs 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.



## Speech and Language

The speech and language therapists run drop in sessions for anyone who is concerned about their child's language development. The next one here will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1pm – 4.30pm.



## 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

Snack money for this half term is £7.



## Privacy Notice

Please find the privacy notice relating to data protection attached.



## 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 this displayed and you will be asked to move.



## Half Term Holidays

School will close after your child's nursery session Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. We re-open at the usual times on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.



## Toddler Group

Toddler group runs for 2 sessions a week (Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon). The sessions are run by parents and provide time for children and adults to play together, as well as a chance for parents to meet. Sessions are £2.50. Please ask at Reception for an application form if you know anyone who might be interested.



## Diwali

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

## Upstairs

Please do not allow your children to go upstairs or use the lift unattended (even to the toilet). There is no immediate adult supervision upstairs on the mezzanine over reception and they could access and become trapped in the lift. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



## Facebook

We now have a Facebook page and are using it to send reminders about events, holidays etc. If you 'like' our Facebook page then you will receive these reminders too. We have set the privacy levels so you will remain anonymous as long as you don't 'like or comment' on any of the comments we post.

## APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

Please remember that

**EVERY ONE MUST FILL IN A HALTON FORM**

**DO NOT** rely on an individual school form.

Last date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016**

### Stay and Play

These sessions are an opportunity for you to Stay and Play with your child 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:



### Christmas Cards

Each child will design a card with us. You will be given the chance to then buy cards and gift tags with your child's design on.

Any money raised will go towards supporting the children's Christmas activities.

### Operation Christmas Child

The Health Team in the Children's Centre are supporting this charity to make up Christmas shoe boxes for children around the world.

If you would like to support this we are collecting the following items:

#### Toys

Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

#### School Supplies

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

#### Hygiene Items

Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

#### Other Items

Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).

#### Do Not Include

Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.

16/11/15	Maraide & Deb	AM Class
16/11/15	Amanda & Deb	PM Class
17/11/15	Maraide & Nadia	AM Class
18/11/15	Paula & Karen	AM Class
18/11/15	Paula & Karen	PM Class
20/11/15	Paula & Stef	AM Class
20/11/15	Paula & Stef	PM Class

14/03/16	Maraide & Nadia	AM Class
14/03/16	Amanda & Nadia	PM Class
15/03/16	*	AM Class
15/03/16	*	PM Class
16/03/16	Paula & Karen	AM Class
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27/06/16	Maraide & Deb	AM Class
27/06/16	Amanda & Deb	PM Class
28/06/16	Paula & Karen	AM Class
28/06/16	Paula & Karen	PM Class
29/06/16	Paula & Stef	AM Class
29/06/16	Paula & Stef	PM Class
30/06/16	Maraide & Nadia	AM Class
30/06/16	Amanda & Nadia	PM Class
01/07/16	*	AM Class
01/07/16	*	PM Class

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Are visiting Nursery School on

**See Notice Board**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015.**

### Future dates to remember:

Tue	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Photograph day.
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Nursery Closes
Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Nursery Opens
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Trip to Delamere Forest.
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Diwali
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	'Children in Need' Day
Tue	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	The Bookworm Players Performance
Thu	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas party
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Closes
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Nursery Opens
Thu	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Primary School Application LAST DATE</b>
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Sports Relief
*Tue	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	AM trip to Stockley Farm
*Wed	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PM trip to Stockley Farm
*Thu	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	AM trip to Underwater Street & Ferry
*Fri	24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	PM trip the Underwater Street & Ferry
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Fun Night!
* Provisional Dates		

