

BATFORD NURSERY SCHOOL BULLETIN

A very warm welcome to Batford Nursery

BY SARAH HEDGES - HEADTEACHER

We are delighted to welcome new and returning parents and carers to Batford Nursery School for an exciting year, full of learning and fun activities.

The staff are keen to build strong relationships with all of our families. Please feel free to message your key person via Tapestry and they will contact you, or - if you want to speak in confidence - please speak to myself or one of the teachers: Gemma Bacon, Laura Butler or Jenni Voskanian.

The nursery staff have been busy observing the children and uploading their first few weeks onto Tapestry.

This half term, children will focus on settling in and getting to know the environment, the resources and their key person. Children will be making friends and learning the expectations and routines. Yoga will begin next week and Forest School, led by the teachers will commence before the end of this half term.

Reminders

Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is suitable for play and independence (our uniform is ideal). Your children are running, jumping and climbing in our beautiful garden, learning to be physical and independent; whilst the staff try their very best to ensure that the children do not hurt themselves, ensuring the children are wearing suitable footwear will minimise the risk, *i.e.* no strappy sandals, crocs, heeled boots, *etc.*

Children need to bring a coat every day. Please also ensure your child has a named pair of wellies in school at all times, as the weather begins to change the children will be accessing the outside at all times.

Please clearly label all items of clothing, including shoes, with your child's name.

Home Learning Challenges

Each half term there will be a new home learning challenge sent on via Tapestry. We would be grateful if you could support your child with this, by loading a photo and/or comment of how your child completed their challenge. It is a lovely opportunity to share learning with your child and contribute to their on-line journal.

Events this Term

w/c 27th Sept Harvest Donations

Food donations that will be distributed to those in need in the local community. Crates will be left in the entrance hall and by the door at the library entrance for donations.

w/c 5th Oct Curriculum Information Loom

Headteacher - Sarah Hedges will give an overview of how the Early Years Curriculum is taught and measured, giving some fun things for you to do at home with your children to support them with their learning.

7th Oct Parents Coffee AM/PM

See overleaf.

12th Oct African Drumming Workshop

A visit from "The Education Group" to teach drumming and share stories with the children.

Themes this term

- All About Me
- Harvest
- African Drumming
- Autumn/Winter
- Christmas

Library

Your child will be able to choose a library book on a weekly basis. Please could you ensure these need are brought back on the correct day:

Monday	Purple
Wednesday	Green and Yellow
Thursday	Orange
Friday	Red

Sickness absence

Please phone us on the first day of absence as we are obliged to keep records.

In cases of diarrhoea, sickness or temperature (non covid related), we ask you to ensure your child is **symptom free for 48 hours** before they return to school. This is to ensure cases are kept to a minimum and that it is not passed on to other children or staff.

Covid 19 Specific – Please do not send your child to nursery if they have any of the Covid 19 symptoms and follow the government guidelines for testing <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Fruit and snacks

We emailed on Wednesday 15th September re. the system for providing fruit and snacks for the children. Please send in a contribution for the snack table each week on your child's library day. Contact the office for more information.

Voluntary contribution

We also emailed to ask if you would be able to help us to fund the many curriculum resources we purchase for your children's use and suggested a donation of £1 per week. Again, if you missed the email, please contact the office for more information. Thank you in advance for your support.

From the Governors

The Governors join the staff in welcoming new and returning families to the school. The Governing Body is comprised of volunteers who do the important job of overseeing the educational and financial performance of the school. We were delighted recently to hold our first face-to-face meeting in 18 months and are looking forward to being able to be in school more regularly this year and to meeting parents at school events.

There are currently two co-opted governor vacancies on the governing body. If you know of anyone in the local community who might be interested in getting involved, please do put them in touch, by emailing cog@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk



Communication

To ensure you are kept up to date, please regularly check your e-mail.

Please visit our website www.batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk

It is updated regularly and has all the statutory information.

Also "Like" our official Facebook page for up-to-date information and photographs. Facebook - [Batford Nursery School and Daycare](#)

We understand a number of WhatsApp groups have been set up – please can we remind you that these are social groups, and any school related questions or concerns should be directed to

admin@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk or speak directly to a member of staff.

Coffee Morning/ Afternoon

Please join us if you can for our coffee sessions (a.m. for morning nursery parents and p.m. for parents) on 7th October. We are delighted to be able to invite parents into the building again for an informal social event. It is a great opportunity to meet new and existing parents in a social setting. We will also talk informally about the curriculum and how children will be learning during their time at Batford Nursery School.

Garden resources – can you help?

We are developing our growing area and will soon be planting some bulbs with the children. If you would like to donate any spring bulbs or if you have any unused plant pots lying around please pass to staff on the door.

