



Kings Norton Nursery School

Newsletter 1 Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all the children and their families who are returning. You have all settled in very well. A warm welcome to all our new children and their families who are joining us this term. We hope your child will be very happy and make good progress over the coming year. Thank you for your help and patience during the settling in process.

Just a reminder the school is closed this Friday 14th September as a training day.

As an Eco Green Flag School we are trying to reduce the paper we use, Therefore our newsletters will be published on the school website. All future letters will be available on the website. Some spare paper-copies will be available under the curriculum information board in the hallway.

Important Information - You will find a calendar of the key events for this academic year available on our website <http://www.kingsnortnurseryschool.org.uk>

We hope this will give you enough time to plan when you come into nursery. Please note if any changes need to be made, you will be informed.

New App

Most people now access the web with their phone rather than a desktop computer. By using the app you can keep up to date with school information. The calendar of key events can help you plan for when to visit the school and take part in the activities.

Easy to Use and Set Up

It is fast to set up and simple to use. Simply go to your App store on your mobile, put your password in and download and install, the free app, **School Jotter**. From this App download and install Kings Norton Nursery School.

Curriculum

This half term we will be introducing the children to nursery rhymes and traditional stories. Every family should have received a booklet outlining some of the learning experiences which will take place within the seven areas of learning.

Box of Tissues

As you can imagine these are very useful in a nursery. We ask for each child to bring one box of tissues at the beginning of the school year and we find that the tissue supplies then last the whole school year. We are really grateful for your co-operation in this matter. Thank you for those of you who have already donated.

Important

Please ensure that we have an up to date telephone number where we can contact you, as well as at least one other emergency contacts. NB If you give us a mobile telephone number it is essential that it is switched on while your child is at nursery and that we are informed of any change of number.

If your child has an accident at home please inform the staff and fill in the appropriate form.

If your child has any health problems, particularly chicken pox or allergies it is very important that you let us know as soon as possible.

Before School Club from 8.00 to 9.00

If you are interested please inform the reception staff.

After School Club

This takes place between 3.00p.m. and 5.30p.m. The charge for this service is £5.00 per hour. It includes a healthy snack and drink. It is run with two members of staff and is compliant with Ofsted requirements for ratio and staff qualifications.

Forest School Club and Gardening Club

These will take place for one hour on Monday for the Forest School and Thursday for the Gardening Club. They will start at 3.00p.m. after school. We will charge £5.00 and will include a healthy snack and drink.



Parent Consultations / Week beginning - 8th October

An opportunity to talk with Group Leaders about how your child is settling into nursery and look at their next steps for the term ahead. Please see the calendar with dates for each group. Please sign up for your time with your child's Group Leader.

Home/ School Links 22nd October

At the beginning of the morning each child has the opportunity to work with their parent/carer for the first twenty minutes. We want to build a wall of words that displays the children's favourite words. **In preparation for this, can you share a story which your child likes and encourage your child to talk about the pictures. Then choose a favourite word from the story. We will give you a 'brick' to write the word or draw a picture on that morning.**

Inspire Workshops / Week beginning- 19th November (After half term)

All the children will be inviting a parent or other family member or special adult to join them in a workshop. The workshop will support the children with their knowledge and skills for emergent writing. Please see the calendar with dates for each group. Please see dates on calendar on our website or app.

Just a Reminder - Collections

Some of the children like to look after the nursery toys at home. Could you please check each day and return any items to nursery no matter how small. Many thanks.

Speech and Language

The speech and language therapist Kathryn Berry will be in the nursery school every alternative week. If you have any concerns or need advice, Kathryn is available. To book an appointment to see Kathryn, please contact the nursery school reception.

Many Thanks

Mrs. McGillicuddy
Head Teacher

Academic Year School Year 2018 - 2019

The school year starts in September. There are 195 school days in each year (39 weeks). Pupils spend 190 days (38 weeks) in school each year; 5 of the 195 days are reserved for training teachers and support staff.

Autumn Term 2018

Term Starts: Monday 3 September 2018

Half Term: Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018

Term Ends: Friday 21 December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 7 January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019

Term Ends: Friday 12 April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 29 April 2019

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019

Term Ends: Monday 22 July 2019