



West Heath Nursery School

Autumn Term No. 1

September 2018



We would like to **welcome** all of the new and returning children and their parents/carers into Nursery. After a lovely week of settling in sessions we are looking forward to the year ahead!

Every half term we will produce a newsletter with information and reminders for the coming weeks, which will also be displayed in Nursery. After the initial printed newsletter, we will be thinking of our planet, asking parents/carers to please check our website for 'Our Newsletter' for important updates and information: www.westthtn.bham.sch.uk

Free School Meals

If you believe your child is entitled to free school meals please contact or call into the school office.

All About Me

Thank you to all of those parents/carers who have returned the 'All About Me' sheets. We would be really grateful if those who have not yet returned them would bring them in as soon as possible.

Contact Details

Please ensure we have up-to-date contact details, including email addresses. Please speak to the office staff to report any changes, ensuring we communicate with you effectively.

Safeguarding

Please remember to look into the camera when entering through the gates so that staff can identify who is waiting to come into Nursery.
For the safety of all children please ensure that the wooden gates are closed behind you on leaving and entering nursery.
Due to limited space, the car park is for staff only.
Please avoid parking outside of the school gates, on yellow lines and zig-zag lines outside the Nursery. This is dangerous for children and has caused accidents in the past.

Lunchtimes

Please ensure that your **child's name** is clearly written on the outside of their lunch bag and plastic tubs inside. All children have their school water bottle during lunch times so **do not** need to bring any drinks with them to school.
You will shortly be issued with a leaflet about healthy lunchbox choices. Please cut grapes and tomatoes in half lengthways to avoid choking.

Coffee Morning

We will be holding a **Coffee Morning** on **Wednesday 26th September** 10.00-11.00 & 1.30-2.30 in the Staff Room to fundraise for **Macmillan**.



Cake donations welcome on the day.

School Fund

We ask for a **£5 voluntary contribution per half term** which helps with 'extra' activities such as providing toast for morning snack, cooking activities, party food and resources to enhance role play.
School Fund also contributes to the costs of visitors to school (e.g. Juggling Jim and storytellers).
We appreciate all voluntary contributions to school fund. If you would prefer to pay £1 on a weekly basis then just post the coin in the red box outside the school office. Green school fund collection envelopes are available for larger amounts outside the school office and can also be posted in the red box.





Clothing



COATS: Please make sure your child has a warm coat and sensible footwear for school. Children will be playing outdoors every day in **all weathers**. Help your child by putting their **name** clearly on **all** of their belongings.

SEVERE WEATHER: During severe weather conditions we may have to close the school due to transport and safety issues. We will inform all parents/carers by text using Groupcall. Announcements will also be on the local radio - **Free Radio, Heart or WM**



Peg Bags



Your child will have a yellow, purple or green bag on their peg, labelled with their name, to store any spare clothes. It is important that you check the bags regularly and make sure that there are clean clothes in the bag. If you are unsure please see your child's key person. All spare clothes need to be clearly labelled.



Fruit

Your support in providing healthy snacks is greatly appreciated. Just **one piece of fruit** from each child every week is enough to **share** with their class at snack times. Fruit bowls are provided in each classroom.



Dates for your Diary

Week Beginning 2nd October	Cauliflower Cards—designing a Christmas card at home with your child (available to purchase)
Week Beginning 8th October	Parent Consultations
Week Beginning 29th October	Half Term—One week
Monday 5th November	Teacher Training Day—School closed
Wednesday 14th November	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 13th & Friday 16th November	Children In Need—Non Uniform Days
Week Beginning 3rd December	Parent Workshops
Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th December	Christmas Singing & Christmas Jumper Days
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Party Day—Non Uniform
Friday 21st December	School Closed—Training Day
Monday 7th January 2019	First day of Spring Term

Morning Routine

Each day that your child comes into school they have a number of 'jobs' to do with you. They must put their name card on the group board, put on their name badge and fill their water bottle. Where possible, it would help your child if you arrive at Nursery by 9.00. Group times begin at approximately 9.15; children have the opportunity to play before this time, which is a lovely start to their day!

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Parent/Carers on our school Governing Board. If you are interested in this role please see Michelle Aldworth.

School Website

Visit our school website for regular updates: www.westthn.bham.sch.uk
Give your views on our school at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>



Startwell



Startwell states that adults working with children must ensure that they are not only providing lots of opportunity for physical activity, but that they join in and show being active as fun. At Nursery we join in lots of physical activities inside and outside. Look on the **Startwell** website for ideas to try at home - physical activities and healthy recipes.

www.startwellbirmingham.co.uk