



## Dates & Events for September & October 2018

**Tuesday 4th September**  
Start of term

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Current Martenscroft children start in Willow Class and Blossom room. 2 year old funded children visit Palm Room with parents

### Week beginning 4th—25th September

Willow Class new starters begin their gradual admissions.

### Friday 21st September

Macmillan Coffee Morning. Cakes will be available throughout the day here at Martenscroft. From 9am-4.30pm in the Training room.

### Friday 28th September

Healthy Gems Workshop for parents

### Friday 5th October

Healthy Gems Workshop for parents

### Tuesday 2nd October 2.30pm

Toilet training workshop. More details to follow.

### Thursday 11th October 9.30am

Toilet training workshop. More details to follow.

### Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October

Willow class and Palm room children break up at the end of the day on **Friday 19th October** for half term and return on

**Monday 29th October**. You can collect a copy of the term dates from reception or check the school website calendar:  
[www.martenscrofturnurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.martenscrofturnurseryschool.co.uk)

# Martenscroft Nursery School & Children's Centre

## NEWSLETTER

September 2018



Dear parents and carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new children and families who have started to attend Martenscroft this September, and I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks. I would also like to give a warm welcome back to a new term, to all the children and families who have been with us for some time and have perhaps recently moved rooms. We hope your children settle in well and I'm sure it won't be long before they are telling you all about the friends they have made and the fun things they have been doing whilst at Nursery!

We have a developing range of provision and services available at Martenscroft and we would love you to get involved in any way you can with your children. If you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to contribute to help develop the provision here further and support your needs as a family,

Yours sincerely,  
Lisa Taylor



### Attendance at Martenscroft

Daily attendance at Martenscroft is very important for a number of reasons. We want all our children to attend the school regularly so that they make the most of the learning opportunities available to them, achieve their full potential and are kept safe. If you choose to accept a place here at Martenscroft we would like you to understand that you will need to ensure your child attends every day and on time. You must report any absences to a member of the Administration Team. If you have any problems, please speak to your child's key worker.



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 21st  
September 2018



Cakes and coffee will be available in the Training Room from 9.00am-4.30pm

Please bake some cakes and come along for a catch up over a cuppa and enjoy some gorgeous treats. The money we raise will help Macmillan make sure no one has to face cancer alone.



### Children's Centre Courses

Martenscroft and Moss Side Children's Centres have a range of courses available for the autumn term:

- MAES Let's Play Tuesdays at Martenscroft
- ESOL Tuesdays at Moss Side
- Spend and Save Mondays at Moss Side
- CAPS Parent Survival course, Thursdays at Martenscroft 12.30pm

Please speak to the Children's Centre Team to enrol or if you would like any further information.

**Healthy Gems Workshop for Parents**  
Fridays 28th September and 5th October  
9.30-11.30am

This is a 2-part course endorsed by the NHS for parents and carers designed to improve your knowledge of children's health. Spaces are limited and will be offered on a "first come first served" basis. Children are welcome to attend.



### Eco School

Do you have a passion for gardening and want to meet new people? If so we are looking for parents/carers to join our Eco-School team. If you would like more information, please speak to any member of staff.



### Before and After School Care

We would like to remind Nursery Class parents that we offer before and after school care every day here at Martenscroft. Breakfast Club is open from 8-9am and Acorn after school club is open from 3.30-5.30pm every day. Please speak to Reception staff if you would



# Palm Room



We would like to welcome all our new children and their families.

This term the children will be getting to know their keyperson and forming relationships with them and others in the room.

We will offer many activities and experiences for the children to explore, discover and spark interest.

This will help everyone get to know the children and find out their interests.

We will be looking at the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" exploring all the different elements that the characters come across in the story.



We will also begin the Rhyme Time Challenge; beginning with Old McDonald had a Farm, for you to support your child in making animal sounds and enjoying the rhyme.

# Willow Class

A very warm welcome to everyone starting in Willow Room, at the start of this new school year. We are looking forward to getting to know all the new children and supporting their individual learning and development throughout the next year.

This can sometimes be a tricky time as children and parents/carers get used to new routines, environments and staff. We are here to support your child throughout this transition time and make it as smooth as possible. We appreciate that everyone has different needs and concerns and we are only too happy to answer any questions you might have.

Initially we will be finding out where your child is on their developmental journey. We do this through our interactions and observations during their play. With your support we will begin to understand your child's personality and find out about their individual interests. We use all this information to plan for future learning and to meet the individual needs of each child.

The children will be getting to know each other and beginning to make connections between their home and school e.g. family, friends, homes and the local community. They will be engaging in a range of



activities that support their growing understanding of their own lives and what makes them unique. We will be exploring the inside and

outside environment and encouraging curiosity and independence.

Each key worker will be putting up a family display in their group area. We have some family photographs already but we might be asking for some that we haven't managed to take yet. The children really enjoy sharing their family with their new friends and staff and it can be quite comforting to have a photograph.



You are welcome to stay and play with your child when you bring them in in the morning. It also provides time to chat to staff and get to know how they are settling in.

Just a reminder that your child's name needs to be clearly displayed in their coat, clothes, shoes and wellies. Please make sure they have at least one set of dry clothes in a clearly labelled bag [not a plastic bag] on their coat peg.

WELCOME TO WILLOW ROOM



# Blossom Room

## Apple Blossom

The children have settled into their new environments and routines very well and have begun to make some friendships. This term we have been focussing on the children's interests. They have been enjoying painting pictures using brushes and stamps, making food with playdough and exploring the outdoor area. Outside the children have continued taking care of our front garden, as part of our eco schools programme/project. We re-potted our sunflowers into bigger colourful pots and we have been sweeping with our new tools. This term our book will be "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". We will be sharing the story in group time and in the reading area. We will act out the story with puppets and in the home area and will be counting bowls and spoons in the sand and water areas. As the weather is beginning to get colder please can we remind parents to make sure your child has spare, warm clothes and wellies.



Thankyou!

## Cherry Blossom

Khadija has now taken on the role of room leader in place of Courtney. She is already getting to know the babies, parents, grandparents and friends!

This term we are focussing on "All about me". We are introducing key signs to our babies to develop their communication skills. Please speak to the staff if you would like to learn some of the signs.

We have developed areas of the room for climbing as this is what our babies enjoy doing at the moment.

