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Alehousewells Nursery Newsletter

2023/2024 - Term 1

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We would like to wish you all a warm welcome back to the nursery and hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. A special welcome to our new children Joshua, Mylah-Gracie, Mason S, Eli, Cobin and Theo.

Learning Journals: thank you to all who have signed up for our new online learning profile. Hopefully, the app will be more user-friendly for staff and parents. We will be using the Learning Journals as our main tool for communication, but please bear with us as we navigate the user functions!

The nursery staff are able to notify you on toileting, eating and first aid accidents as well as your child's learning. The story option on the Learning Journal will be used as a quick way to share experiences your child is having in the nursery; you will see there will also be observations that are more learning-focused and linked to our curricular areas. The observations taking place will look at your child's skills and the next steps for supporting the progression of learning.

Our aim is to use the email communication function for all parent/ carer information sharing. However, you will still receive emails via the school. The parents' notice board at the gate will be used to inform you of any communication that has been sent out.

We welcome your feedback on the Learning Journals; please feel free to share how you are finding the new system.

Absences: If your child is not going to be in nursery can you please let us know that your child will be off and the reason why. You can either text the **nursery mobile on 07881338207** or call the **nursery office on 01467 538746, please do not email** absences as we do not always pick emails up in time. If we do not get a notification of why your child is absent, the school office will send a text or phone to seek a reason for the absence. A reminder that children who have been sick or had diarrhoea must remain off nursery for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness/ diarrhoea. If you have had to give your child medication such as Calpol in the morning, your child should not attend nursery.

Suitable Clothing: Can we ask that children come to nursery in trainers and have a spare change of indoor shoes and wellies which can stay in nursery. We ask that your child wears trainers every day in nursery to ensure their feet are appropriately supported when we are outdoors as we encourage risky play; wellies are for wet play days and children should not come to nursery in wellies as their main footwear.

In nursery we encourage independence: can you ensure your child has clothing on that is appropriate to promote independence, especially for toileting. Loose clothing, leggings/ joggers are ideal, not items with difficult fastenings/ buttons or all-in-one outfits such as dungarees/ play suits.



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Please ensure your child has a spare change of clothes with them each day. We will keep their wellies, indoor shoes and waterproofs in the nursery. However, please ensure your child does not take any toys, food or juice drinks in their nursery bag. Can we ask that all your child's clothing be labelled.

Dates for your Diary: After our parental feedback last year, it was noted parents felt that they would appreciate more notice of nursery events. With this in mind, we have created a parental calendar for the coming academic year. Please see the separate email with the calendar dates, however, please note these dates may be required to be changed and, if so, we will inform you as soon as reasonably possible.

Class Bear:

Our class bears, Paddington and Willow, will get the opportunity to come home with your child over this academic year. The bears will go home on a Wednesday and need to be returned by the following Monday or as soon as your child is back in nursery.

Nursery Security:

Finally, can we please ask that you help us in keeping the nursery safe and secure. If you are dropping your child off early or late and have to enter the nursery garden for drop off/ collection, please ensure the nursery gates are in a locked position when you enter and leave the nursery garden. It is imperative these gates remain in a locked position at all times to ensure all children are kept safe.

Can we ask if the nursery children are in the garden when you arrive to collect your child, that you do not open the gate but remain at the gate, where a member of staff will bring your child to you. Again, this is to ensure no children are able to exit the garden unnoticed. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Regards

The Nursery Team

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