Nursery newsletter Autumn term 2

Welcome back after the half term break, we hope you all had a nice rest and enjoyed Halloween.

Our topic for this half term is 'Let's Celebrate', where we will be finding out about different occasions such as Bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, and Christmas. We will be performing our Christmas play to you on 2 dates and will be practising many songs for this. We can't wait for you to see us perform.

Our Talk 4 Writing story is 'The Nativity'. We will be learning the Nativity story and creating a story map of the key parts.

Footwear

To keep the Nursery carpet clean during the wetter weather, children will need to change into wellies before they use the outdoor area as the grass gets wet and muddy. Please ensure your child has a pair of **named** wellies to change into each day. We do have space to store a pair should you wish to keep some wellies at Nursery. Please do not send children into Nursery wearing wellies as they are not always comfortable to wear when sitting and playing on the carpet.

Children will be encouraged to change their own shoes so please help them by practising at home. Please avoid shoes with laces unless your child can tie them independently. Children will also be required to remove their own socks and shoes during our PE session and are encouraged to put their own socks and shoes back on afterwards. Please avoid sending your child in tights on a PE day unless they can put them on independently. For health and safety please remember to remove or cover any earrings. Long hair also needs to be tied back please.

Dates for your diary

- **You must apply for a primary school place for the 2027/2028 school year by the closing date of 15 January 2027.** Follow the link to apply for your child's reception place ready for September 2027 https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-2027-2028

- Wednesday 9th December – EYFS Christmas performance – 2.15 pm.
  Thursday 10th December – Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner, EYFS Christmas performance – 2.15 pm.
- Last day of term – Friday 18th December
- PD day (no children in school) - Monday 4th January 2027.

Children return to Nursery from Tuesday 5th January 2027 onwards.

Nursery staff

Mrs Drackford will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Mrs Holland will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. If you email teaching staff, emails will be responded to on their working days and won't necessarily be answered on the same day. For any time sensitive or on the day queries, please contact the school office.
We have welcomed Miss Wall into the EYFS, and she will be working across both the Nursery and Reception classes. Miss Wall joins us as an apprentice and will be undertaking her level 3 qualification.

How to help at home

It's coming up to cooler weather and children are expected to at least ***try*** and put on their own coats, wellies and shoes, and socks in our PE sessions. We would appreciate your support to encourage your child to practice these skills at home as it means more time for playing in Nursery. Practice with fastening zips would be helpful too.

Children are washing their hands more frequently in Nursery to try and keep healthy, so lots of practice at home will be beneficial. You could talk about why we need to wash our hands too.

We will have some traditional tales in our book area, such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Little Red Riding Hood. You could share some fairy tales together at home too. Perhaps stop reading and see if your child can predict what happens next in the story?

It's always lovely to see work completed at home in the library homework books.

Our weekly timetable

Monday morning	Tuesday morning	Wednesday morning	Thursday morning	Friday morning
Number of the week Mrs Drackford	Library Mrs Drackford	PE Mrs Drackford	Talk 4 Writing- The Nativity Mrs Holland	Phase 1 phonics Mrs Holland
Monday afternoon	Tuesday afternoon	Wednesday afternoon	Thursday afternoon	Friday afternoon
Dough disco	Dough disco	Library	Dough disco	Dough disco
Nursery rhymes and singing Mrs Drackford	2.45 – all EYFS children to meet to share stories, singing etc. Mrs Drackford	2.45 – all EYFS children to meet to share stories, singing etc. Mrs Drackford	2.45 – all EYFS children to meet to share stories, singing etc. Mrs Holland	Bikes and physical play Mrs Holland

(Please note this is subject to change at short notice)

Voluntary contributions

We ask for a suggested contribution of £5 per child, per term, (September - December) which can be paid in cash to a member of staff. Your money helps us enhance your child's learning by offering additional learning opportunities such as cooking and tasting new foods during celebration times.
Thank you in advance for your generosity, we cannot offer these types of activities without your support.

The Nursery team.