

Little Nursery Newsletter

September 2020



Welcome back to you all and a special welcome to our new September starters. The children are settling in really well.

Term dates

Term ends – Thursday 22nd October

Teacher Training Day - Friday 23rd October

Half term – Monday 26th Oct - Friday 30th October

Term ends - Friday 18th December 2020

Teacher Training Day - Tuesday 4th May 2021



Absence

Please remember to contact the School on the day your child is going to be absent.



You can text if your child is absent, 07511213751, just ensure you put your child's name and the reason for their absence in the text.

They should be at home until you feel they are well enough to come back to school. In the case of **sickness and diarrhoea** please make sure your child is symptom free for at least **48 hours** before returning to Little Nursery.

When your child attends Nursery, please remember that they will access both the indoor and outdoor environments during their session, and this needs to be considered when deciding if your child is well enough to attend.

Please could you make sure all your phone numbers are up to date if not please let the office know of any changes.

Little Nursery Times

AM Session 8.45am - 11.45am

PM Session 12.30pm - 3.30pm



Please could just one adult bring in your child and can you make sure you pick your child up on time as they can become a little upset if they are collected later.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The creative table and mark making have been very popular, the children have been making lots of pictures.



Staff have been introducing the routine of the session using the visual timetable and the children have begun to have group and snack time. Well done everyone.

We have been busy learning our new friends names playing 'I can roll my ball' at group time.



Communication with Parents

Currently we are unable to offer face to face meetings, so to develop partnerships with parents' key workers will be phoning families on a regular basis. This is a chance for us to share information about your child and for parents to ask questions. Voice mail messages will be left if you are not available. Keyworkers will then try to re-contact you again soon or reply to your call if you phone back if possible. In the meantime, if you need to speak to us urgently, please contact us by telephone or through our parents' email address - parents1041@welearn365.com. Parent Consultations following two year checks will also be conducted by telephone and your child's key worker will contact you to discuss your child's development and ask you for feedback on your child.



Home Learning Support

We currently have a Stockingford Maintained Nursery School website: www.stockingfordnurseryschool.co.uk On our website we have a section named Resources and in this folder you will find lots of fun activities that you can try together. This includes yoga activities, story resources, Letters and sounds activities, Makaton and wellbeing activities. We also have a Stockingford Maintained Nursery School Facebook page where we share information, resources and support. If you haven't already please like our page; so that you can keep up to date with our posts. Our parents email address is parents1041@welearn365.com This email address can be used to share information with the nursery. We will also use this email address for families to share photographs for the home learning experiences that we will be launching at the end of this term.



Jewellery/Sandals



Please could children with pierced ears wear studs in their ears for safety reasons, and no necklaces or bracelets are to be worn in Little Nursery for safety reasons. Also can we please request no open toed sandals are to be worn in Nursery.



Pull-Ups

Please could children wear 'pull-ups' only if they are being potty trained, as some of the children are getting upset if they have to be changed.



Data Protection Laws - could we draw your attention to our privacy notice which is published on our web site www.stockingfordnurseryschool.co.uk



Face coverings

Are requested to be worn in and outside the building (Exemption rules may apply). If you do not have one or have forgotten it, we do have disposable face masks to purchase for £1.



Thank you for your understanding to ensure we keep everyone safe.

Parking

Please **DO NOT PARK** in the Staff Carpark it is for members of Staff only.

Thank you



POLITE NOTICE

Please could we ask that parents **do not** leave dogs outside the building attached to the fence whilst they collect their

child, as some children can be very anxious around dogs and your dog may behave unpredictably when you are not with them. Thank you.

Message from the Nursery Team

A big thank you to parents for supporting us with all the new changes we have made to help keep children safe. We appreciate parents following our social distancing measures and waiting to allow children to enter and leave the nursery safely. This has helped children with their transition or return to nursery.



Thank you

No mobile phones or photographs in Little Nursery

Please do not use your mobile phones whilst in the Little Nursery or any device to take photographs. This is for the safety and welfare of all our children.



Coats and bags

Please can you make sure your child brings their winter coats to Little Nursery and you have put their name in both their coats and bags. This would be really appreciated. In their bags could you please put nappies, wipes, (pants if toilet trained) and a spare change of clothes. Thank you.



Juice Cups

Please do not send your child to Nursery with a juice cup. We do not have the capacity to store them. Children are provided with water and milk.



Well being corner

Welcome to our wellbeing corner which aims to provide support and ideas for keeping you and your child emotionally and mentally well. Each month this newsletter will offer tips, information and support for you and your child, so read through and have a go- you never know. Sometimes a small change can make a big difference!

We are lucky in our Centre to have Mental Health First Aid staff who can offer a listening ear and if need be, guide you to finding the right support and services. Please ask if you would like any further information about Mental Health and Wellbeing. Never be afraid, worried or scared to ask for support! We are always here to offer a helping hand.

Mental Health First Aiders



Sharon Kindred



Sally Phillips



Looking after your own mental health

The NHS Every Mind Matters website have some useful information for anyone who feels they may need a little support or advice. Parenting or caring for a child or young person can be tough. It's important to make sure you look after your own mental wellbeing, as this will help you support yourself and those you care about.

Try to recognise and acknowledge when you're feeling low or overwhelmed. Struggling with something or experiencing your own mental health problems does not make you a bad parent or carer.

It's completely normal to be worried, scared or helpless during difficult times, and feeling this way is nothing to be ashamed of. Is there a friend, fellow parent or carer you trust enough to tell how you're feeling? Maybe there's family, friends or a colleague who could support you or allow you a break? There's plenty of help out there. You should never feel like you have to cope on your own. [Young Minds has lots of support for parents, including a helpline and guidance around parenting with a mental illness.](#) Mind has information and suggestions on how to manage [parenting with a mental health problem.](#) Scope has advice on [managing stress when caring for a disabled child.](#)

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Makaton signs of the Month - September

We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.



We are proud to say we are a
Makaton accredited School



Wash Hands



Hello



Goodbye



Help



Eat



Drink



Toilet