



Newsletter

October 2017

AUTUMN



This month's theme is "autumn". Monthly plans are displayed in the entrance halls outlining learning potential in the 6 key areas. This is a lovely time of the year to go for walks together and collect things! Talk about these and name them if you can. Remember children learn by smelling and touching as well as looking. Talk about the shape of the leaves, count the conkers, name the trees. Look up books together. Please enjoy the new rhymes together and help your child to learn some of the words.

THANKS

Thank you to everyone for their co-operation during the settling in period. The children continue to make progress and are settling well into their new environment. Many have made new friends and it is lovely to see confidences growing on a daily basis.

Children learn best when new ideas and information are repeated briefly at intervals over a long period. This is another reason for active involvement of parents in nursery school. We have made some suggestions in the newsletter of how you can support your child's learning.

Please encourage your children to do things for themselves, particularly the boys. Mums, stop spoiling those boys! Can we also ask that you encourage your children to do as you ask? Following through with an instruction is very important at this stage. We work hard on following through in school and take time to ensure children begin to take responsibility for themselves.

Take time to enjoy your children. They have so much to tell you. If you already have an established story time before bed, this is the ideal time for a special chat about their day. If not, start now. You will be amazed at how beneficial and enjoyable a short time together can be. It becomes a time when your child knows they have your attention and this becomes more important as they get older.

INFORMATION

School finishes on Friday 27th October at 11.30am.

Hallowe'en Break Mon 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2017.

School will be closed on Monday 6th November 2017 to facilitate Key Worker Interviews (please do not bring children to these meetings.)

School reopens Tuesday 7th November 2017, 1.20pm pick up for those ready to stay the full day



Congratulations to Beth, Mason and Marnie who celebrate their 4th birthdays this month.

A BIG congratulations to Jake on the birth of his new baby brother .

WE ASK EACH FAMILY TO PROVIDE US WITH A BAG OF LENTILS THIS MONTH. PLEASE BRING INTO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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VISITORS

Paula from Crotchets & Quavers will be visiting us on Friday 27th October with her musical instruments. This is always a very enjoyable session where the children get to play a musical instrument and enjoy making music together.

SCHOOL DINNERS

This is another routine for the children to learn and become familiar with. It involves a lot of self help skills, talking and listening skills, thinking skills and social communication skills as well as actually eating.

As with all other aspects of our nursery day it is important that this is a positive experience for your children and so we invite the children in small groups in order to teach and model the routine. Future eating habits and attitudes to food are established at this age and it is important that we take the time to offer everyone the opportunity to settle well and to settle happily.

The children are invited as the staff team feel they are ready to cope. The children will be involved in setting the tables and clearing away. They will be expected to sit in their chair throughout the routine, eat with a knife and fork, and carry their own food to the table, etc. for most children this additional busy routine can be very demanding and tiring so pick up time is extended to 12:30pm for the dinner groups during their first week and then to the full session the weeks following. The children will have opportunity for a music session and more settled, directed play after dinner and will be prepared for home from 1.20 pm - 1.30 giving a more relaxed ending to our nursery day.

The tooth brushing routine will be added when the children are ready.

FIRST DINNER GROUPS

Dinners will start on Monday 9th October for the first groups of children ready to extend their day and learn this new routine. These children have been invited individually and money bags sent home. Please return the money bags to the "dinner money" box in each play room first thing on a Monday morning with the correct change inside. Dinners cost £2:50 daily.

The money bags will be returned to your child's box on a Friday for use the next week.

If you are eligible for free school meals, and have not yet applied, please contact the office as soon as possible.

PICK UP TIME FOR THE DINNER GROUPS IS 12:30PM.

Any meals not taken due to illness can be carried over to the following week. Please inform the school of any absences. If you are running late and intend to arrive after 9.30am when the dinner register is completed, please telephone the school and we can order a dinner for you - otherwise pick up time will be 11.30am on that day. **If dinners are not paid for in advance we will contact you to collect your child at 11.30am.**

FOR THOSE NOT YET STAYING FOR DINNER PICK UP TIME REMAINS AT 11:30AM.

Thank you in anticipation, for your co-operation in helping us establish this routine.

SCHOOL FUND

Snack & enrichment fund of £25 is due by 2nd October. Payment can be made by cash or cheque payable to Kings Road Nursery School in the box provided in each room. If you would prefer to pay £4 weekly please let us know and we will be happy to arrange this. Thanks to many who have already paid. Thank you for your continued vital support.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

- **Children's boxes:** Now that everyone has settled please keep personal belongings to a minimum. This frees up space in the children's boxes for art work, any notes coming home and the children's sweat shirts.
- **No backpacks on hooks please:** The children find it difficult to remove their coats if bags are placed on their pegs. Small items can be stored in the children boxes if necessary.
- **Shoes & Clothing:** Many articles of clothing become misplaced during the year. Remember we have 54 sets of uniform and if these are not labelled it is difficult to tell which is which. Please ensure you take YOUR child's coat home at the end of the day as children are often going home with the wrong ones. Please check regularly that name labels have not come off during the washing process.
- **Independence:** Many children are becoming frustrated with getting ready for and after outdoor play. Please do all you can to help your child with this routine. Teach them how to put on/ take off their own coats, sweatshirts, shoes, boots, mittens, scarves, hats etc. Does your child know which coat is theirs? It's a great idea to have an individual zip pull that they can easily recognise. Please ensure these are an appropriate size as some soft toys are too big and are dangerous!
- **Jewellery:** It is unsafe to wear necklaces, bracelets, earrings or rings to nursery school. Please ensure these are removed.

NEXT MONTH

Our theme for November is "PEOPLE WHO HELP US" which is always very popular with the children and the staff! If you have a skill or a job that would be relevant to our theme and the nursery children, we would love to invite you to join us during the month. It is a great opportunity to share nursery school with your child and boosts their confidence to have a family member participate in our learning and gives you the chance to be a nursery celebrity! Please don't be shy!

STORY SACK LENDING LIBRARY

We plan to send the first story sacks home in November. These will be allocated to each child on a Thursday morning (either hung on their peg or placed in their box). Please enjoy these together *with* your children over the week end and return to school on Monday morning **FIRST THING PLEASE**.

Each story sack contains a guide for parents with a list of the contents. We ask that you refer to this and ensure everything is returned. Lost items will be charged to you so that we can maintain this wonderful resource.

As all 54 sacks need checked before re-allocation on a Thursday, we would really appreciate your help.

In previous years 2 or 3 parents from each room volunteered and stayed from 9:00am-9.20am on a Monday and checked the contents of each sack for us. If you could volunteer on a Monday morning (or even, some Monday mornings) please give your name to the staff team or the office. Unfortunately we cannot facilitate younger siblings.

Many thanks.

KEY WORKER INTERVIEWS

There will be an opportunity to meet with the staff team in each room, including your child's key worker on our School Development Day, Monday 6th November. Staff will be available during these days for a 10 minute interview, during which a settling in report will be shared and a copy made available for your information. Interview times will be available in each entrance hall nearer the date. Please avail of this opportunity and select a suitable time once the interview sheets are available in the entrance halls. Please note that these interviews are for Parents only and no child care facilities are available on these days. Perhaps you can pair up with another family and look after each others children for the 10minutes.

WATER BOTTLES

We are delighted that individual water bottles are available for each child and look forward to encouraging your children to drink regularly throughout the nursery day. It is a fact that adequate hydration improves children's concentration, energy, learning and general well being, so please encourage your child to drink plenty of water at home too.



KINGS ROAD NURSERY SCHOOL - October Reminder Sheet



- W/c 9th October Pick Up Time 11.30am
 New invites dinner group 12.30
- W/c 16th October Pick Up time 11.30am
 New invites and dinner group 12.30
- W/c 23rd October Pick Up time 11.30am
4 dinners only *New invites and dinner group 12.30*
- Friday 27th October *Visit from Crotchets and Quavers*
 Pick Up time 11.30am whole school
 School finishes for Halloween

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SONGS AND RHYMES



OCTOBER / AUTUMN

We are thoroughly enjoying story and rhyme time at nursery school each day. Here are some new songs we will be singing this month and adding to our repertoire from September.

Please help your child to learn the words. Thanks

1. FIVE LITTLE LEAVES

5 little leaves so bright and gay were dancing about on a tree one day
The wind came whistling through the town
And one little leaf came tumbling down
4 little leaves etc.

2. LEAVES ARE TWIRLING

Tune: - Frere Jacques

Leaves are twirling, leaves are twirling
All around, all around
They are falling softly, very, very softly
To the ground, to the ground.

3. EATING APPLES

Tune: - If you're happy and you know it

If you like to eat an apple. raise your hand
If you like to eat an apple, raise your hand
If you like to hear it crunch and eat it for your lunch
If you like to eat an apple, raise your hand.

4. THE LEAVES ON THE TREES

tune: - the wheels on the bus

The leaves on the trees turn orange and red
Orange and red. Orange and red
The leaves on the trees turn orange and red
All through the town

The leaves on the trees come twirling down
Twirling down. Twirling down
The leaves on the trees come twirling down
All through the town

The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish
Swish, swish, swish. Swish, swish, swish.
The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish
All through the town.

5. TEN LITTLE LEAVES

tune: - 10 little Indians

1 little, 2 little, 3 little leaves. 4 little, 5 little, 6 little leaves
7 little, 8 little, 9 little leaves. 10 little leaves fell down.

6. IT MUST BE AUTUMN

tune: - when the saints go marching in

Oh when the leaves fall off the trees.
Oh when the leaves fall off the trees
We know it must be autumn.
When the leaves fall off the trees.