



Autumn Newsletter 2018

I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term. It's not long until we break up for Christmas so it's going to a very busy time in nursery! We have some events planned already for this term, details are on this newsletter and posters will be displayed in the nursery to keep everyone updated.

Please remember that if you have any worries or concerns however trivial they may seem, please do talk to your child's family worker or myself.

We like to keep in contact with parents/carers via email, if you do not currently receive emails from us, please see either Nicola or Kate in the office to give us the best email address to send information to.

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General Information for All Parents

30 Hour Funded Places

If you claim the 30 hours funding, please make sure that you renew your code before **31/12/2018**. If you don't, you will not be funded for the Spring funding block (01/01/19 – 31/03/2019). Even if you are 1 day late, you will still lose the funding if the renewal is after this date. The same goes for the following terms; codes must be renewed before the end of the previous funding blocks.

Applying for a Primary School Place – September 2019

You will need to apply to Northamptonshire County Council for a primary school place for September 2019 (closing date 15th January 2019). Apply online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions. For more information, call 01604 236599 or email: admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Nursery Session Times:

Morning Session – 8.45am – 11.45am

Afternoon Session – 12.30pm – 3.30pm

Attendance

It is important for your child to have regular attendance at the nursery. Failure to do so often results in children having difficulties in settling into routines, gaining friends and also in the progress and achievement they make. It is not statutory for children to attend nursery however, Local Authority and Ofsted do request information on attendance figures.

Please also remember that if your child is unwell due to sickness or diarrhoea the nursery policy is for you to keep your child at home for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

Telephone Messages

The nursery is having a new telephone system installed shortly so you will be able to leave messages on a dedicated absence voicemail (like schools). This should be completed by Wednesday 21st November. In the meantime, please use the nursery mobile 07842 160912 to text a message or call the office, 01604 713422 to speak to Kate or Nicola. You can also email office@wallaceroad.org.uk to send a message. It is really important that we know why your child can't attend nursery so that we can mark their absence correctly.

Snacks/Drinks

As we have several children with allergies, please can we remind you not to pack drinks or sweets into children's bags. We provide a healthy snack in the morning and afternoon and offer the children both water and milk whilst they are here. For children with special diets, please give any snacks/drinks to a member of staff when you arrive.

Holiday Forms

If you are going on holiday during school time, please can you complete a holiday form and return it to the office. Forms can be obtained from the office.

Wet Weather

Please can you ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the change in weather (ie long t shirts and leggings or jogging bottoms) and to also make sure that a spare pair of clothes is in their bag in case they get wet whilst playing outdoors. We do have some spare clothes at nursery but would appreciate any donations of socks to nursery as sometimes it's only feet that get wet!

2 Year Old Room to 3/4 Year Old Room Transition

Parents of children moving up from the 2-year-old room to the 3 and 4-year-old room have been given a letter with information about their new key worker, home visit date, parents meeting and stay and play date. If your child is moving up in January 2019 and you haven't received a letter, please see Nicola in the office. These children will be spending time in the 3 and 4-year-old room this term as part of the transition process.

Dates for your Diary:

- **Parent Consultations:** Sheets are on the wall by the staff photo board for you to fill in when to see your child's key worker.
- **Samba Dancing:** Friday 16th November
- **Children in Need:** Friday 16th November (come to nursery in pyjamas or onesies for a donation to Children in Need)
- **Christmas Singing to parents:** Monday 10th December (11.00am) and (2.45pm)
- **2 Year Old to 3/4 Year Old Parents Meeting:** 12th December – 9am – 10am
- **Christmas Fun Day:** Friday 14th December
- **Last Day of Term:** Tuesday 18th December 2018
- **Nursery CLOSED:** Friday 4th January 2019 for home visits and stay and play for 2 year olds moving up to the 3 and 4 year olds and new children.
- Nursery opens to all children **Monday 7th January 2019.**

Drop Off/Collecting Children:

- Please leave pushchairs in the external shelter to help with congestion during drop off and pick up.
- Please notify us if someone else is collecting your child. Children under the age of 14 are not allowed to collect children.
- Main green gate; please do shut the gate. We need to keep it closed to stop children running out into the road when leaving the nursery. If you see someone leave the gate open, please close it behind them or let the staff know and we will close the gate.
- Parking is not permitted where the cones are, this is to keep the children safe.
- Please be mindful when entering and leaving the nursery that all the doors are closed behind you to keep the children safe.
- Please note that we have installed a new door security system to the main door of the nursery. The 'green' exit button has been removed, only staff will now be able to door release the main nursery door.

Merry Christmas from everyone at Wallace Road Nursery