



New Year Newsletter 2019

Welcome to Wallace Road Nursery School

A very Happy New Year and warm welcome to all our children and families, including all our new children and families who are starting this term. A newsletter is produced every term (6-8 weeks). It gives details of events and information that relate to you and your child.

What an exciting last term we had! Forest School continued for WR 3/4 discovering and learning about the natural environment. We all participated in our Samba dancing lesson and we all enjoyed the visit from Mr Banana Brains and his funny friends.

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. All staff look forward to working with you this year.

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Wallace Road 2 (WR2)

This term WR2 will be focusing on developing relationships separating from their carer, learning new routines, promoting talk and building up their confidence around the nursery. Children are encouraged to learn both indoors and outdoors in all reasonable weather. Please do bring in appropriate clothing for your child to be completely involved in all experiences available. When dropping off your child, please ask them to pick up their named wooden disk from the table just outside the WR2 and hand to their key worker at the start of their session. We are interested to hear about your child's interests, so please do share these with your child's key worker.

Wallace Road 3-4 (WR 3-4)

As we all get to know one another, we will find out about the sorts of things that make us feel happy and these will be planned into our everyday activities. As the weather gets colder, please help your child to fully experience the outdoors curriculum play by providing them with the suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

When dropping off your child, please ask them to pick up their named wooden disk from the table just outside the WR2 and put it in the basket next to the disks.

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Library

We are now holding library sessions for children and families at nursery. Wallace Road 2 morning children and Wallace Road 3/4 sessions will be every Wednesday and Wallace Road 2 afternoon children will have their library time each week on a Thursday. You are invited to come into nursery at the start of sessions to share books with your child and to choose a book to take home each week. Sharing books is such a good way to begin a lifetime love of learning and to create happy family memories.

Parents

Calling all parents and carers! Do you have skills and knowledge you could share with our children at nursery? We would love some of you to come and talk to or work with the children. We have so many role models in our Wallace Road community who can enrich the children's experiences whilst they are with us. In past visits, parents and carers have talked about their work, nursing, fire-fighting, keeping reptiles, and being a cook to name a few. They have shown the children how to care for a baby, done Mehndi, cooked and done woodwork and offered many more interesting experiences. Of course, staff will always be there to support all of our visitors. If you would like to share your talents, please talk to Clare, we look forward to your company at nursery!

General Information for All Parents

Session Times: Morning Session – 8.45am – 11.45am
Afternoon Session – 12.30pm – 3.30pm

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. Although the children do not have to statutory attend nursery, Local Authority and Ofsted do request information on attendance figures. **If your child is ill and unable to attend nursery, please either call the office on 01604 713422 or text 07842 160912.** 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 or sickness or diarrhoea. Please call each day for when your child is poorly.

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.

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 doors into building and doors into nursery. Please be mindful when entering and leaving the nursery that the doors are closed behind you to keep the children safe.
- Please make sure that the main green gate into nursery is closed behind you when coming and leaving nursery.

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.

Parent Helpers

We are always grateful for any help you can give us. If you would like to help regularly or occasionally, please come and have an informal chat with Beccy. A DBS form will need to be completed beforehand. Thank you.

Term Dates for your Diary:

Friday 15 th February 2019	Last day of term
Monday 25 th February 2019	Nursery reopens
Friday 5 th April 2019	Last day of term
Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Nursery CLOSED for Home Visits
Wednesday 24 th April 2019	Nursery reopens
Tuesday 7 th May 2019	Nursery CLOSED for Training Day
Friday 24 th May 2019	Last day of term
Monday 3 rd June 2019	Nursery reopens
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Last day of term

Events so far planned for this term:

Friday 1 st February:	'Street Dance' Workshop for all children
Thursday 7 th March:	World Book Day Please bring your child to school with their favourite book and dressed up as their favourite character.