



Term 3 : Newsletter 2020

Welcome to Wallace Road Nursery School

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to all, including all our new children and families who have started this term.

We produce a newsletter every term (6-8 weeks), giving information about what will be happening in nursery, suggestions of what can be done at home to add to the experiences on offer at nursery, and any important information we need to share. Newsletters will be posted on our website at: www.wallaceroadnurseryschool.co.uk You can also find out about things happening in the nursery via Facebook, please find us and like our page; Wallace Road Nursery School.

A big thank you to all the parents that came along to listen to the children singing Christmas songs at the end of last term. Our Street Dance workshop was a big hit with children and we hope that we can get him to return to Nursery another time. This term we have lots planned, including a Chinese Dragon visiting to celebrate Chinese New Year and Professor Bubbleworks.

Should you have any worries big or small, please talk to any member of the team. The best person in the first instance is your child's key worker, however do not hesitate to talk to any team member should you have a question, query or concern.

Beccy

This term we are continuing to observe your children's interests and needs so teaching and learning this term will be flexible to the children's needs, so that we can offer experiences that will support their development and learning. As always, the children are able to go outdoors whatever the weather to explore, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and has spare clothing in their bag, thank you.

Session times: Morning session: 8.45-11.45 Afternoon session: 12.30-3.30

We have replaced the wooden discs for mini beasts with the children's names on to place on our new tree in reception to self register. Please help your children find their name to place on the tree when you come to nursery.

2 Year Old AM Session = Snails

2 Year Old PM Session = Caterpillars

3 Year Old AM Session = Bumblebees

3 Year Old PM Session = Butterflies

3 Year Old Full Time Session = Blue Birds

At times we understand it can be unavoidable to be a little late, but generally it really helps the children if they arrive at the same time as their friends. This also allows the staff to really get on with working with the children without too many interruptions after the initial "meet and greet". Equally at the end of sessions children can get quite distressed if their parents are late in picking them up. The staff have a tight turn around at lunchtime to get ready for the afternoon session so it is important that children from the morning sessions are picked up promptly at 11.45 am. It is also very important that your child attends all sessions as continuity is very important to learning and your child's confidence.

Activity Fund

This is our charitable account which helps fund not only the healthy snack for the children each day, but also helps contribute to activities throughout the term for your child. **Activity fund contribution is 40p a day or £2 a week, envelopes will be given out at the beginning of each term.** A huge thank you to everyone who contributes to our

Activity Fund, without your support we would not be able to provide your children with all the activities we do throughout the year.

General Information for All Parents

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 of sickness or diarrhoea. Please call each day for when your child is poorly. We will call families when a child is not in and we haven't received a call.

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.

Toys from Home: Please remember that toys from home should not be brought into nursery as this can lead to them being either broken or lost. If toys from home are brought in, we will put them in a box so that they can be collected when your child is picked up.

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. If somebody we don't know is collecting, please remember to let us know and make sure that they know your password when collecting.
- 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 (available from the Office) and return it to 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 and application form will need to be completed beforehand. Thank you.

Term Dates:

Term 3:	Last day of Term 3:	Friday 14th February 2020
Term 4:	First Day of Term 4:	Tuesday 25th February 2020

Facebook

Please like our Facebook page (Wallace Road Nursery School) to find updates on activities happening throughout the term. We only use this page for information and to give updates, no photos of the children are published.

Payments

Due to a high volume of late payments of fees in September / October our Governors would like to remind you of our terms.

All payments for services should be made in advance and no later than 1 week prior to the end of the term the invoice relates to. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of services. Should you require any clarification please speak to the school office.



Term 3 Topic: Weaning Children Off Their Dummy

Regular and extended use of a dummy can create problems with a child's speech and health.

Recommended age for children to stop using their dummy: 12 months

Reasons to remove the dummy:

- Limited tongue movements resulting in poor speech
- Can cause damage to teeth
- Can increase chances of children catching regular colds
- Links to having ear infections, which can lead to glue ear

How to remove the dummy:

- Try and find other ways to comfort and distract your child
- Try and only use at night or during nap time
- Only have one dummy in use
- Tell your child that dummies are not needed at nursery, they will be too busy

How to remove the dummy:

- Remove the dummy from sight
- Post it, let your child see it being sent away
- Put it in the bin
- Encourage child to give it away/leave it for Father Christmas/Easter Bunny/a favourite character/Dummy Fairy . . .
- Make a clean break, throw it away over a weekend, or when you have the support of other family members

The Tough Part

Most children will be upset for 2-3 days, but remain strong and firm. They will eventually get used to not using a dummy for comfort and enjoy having the freedom to talk and play without it.

The Most Important Thing is Not To Give In!

You are doing the right thing. By removing the dummy your child will be able to communicate, develop their speech and potentially be healthier.

How Can Nursery Help?

To support our families to remove the dummy from their family home we are a **dummy free Nursery**. We want to allow our children to experiment with sounds and language, to be able to communicate their needs and to find other ways of dealing with situations when they are upset. We know they can't have the dummy all through their life and believe that when they start nursery it is the perfect time to remove the dummy.

Children are very good at accepting that things are different at nursery. If you support your child to understand that the dummy stays at home, your child will have the opportunity to find other ways to soothe themselves when upset.

Should you want any further advice, or want to discuss dummies with us, please do not hesitate to talk to us.