



## Term 1: September Newsletter 2021

Welcome back to our families following the lovely summer break, and hello and welcome to our new families who join us this September.

This term we will be getting to know our children, learning about their interests and building a trusting and strong relationship with them. Coming to nursery is a big step, and we know the nursery can seem very large to some, especially when they are left on their own without their family. This is why we know how important it is to get to know them and build on their confidence in order for them to feel safe and secure. Each child is different and they will all cope in very different ways. We want to work with you to help settle your child, we know it will happen eventually, but some children might take longer than others.

The nursery and garden have had lots of improvements over the summer holidays and I hope you agree that it looks fresh and ready for the year. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that have done an amazing job with our garden, thank you.

Thank you for choosing Wallace Road Nursery School for your child, we are really excited about the year ahead.



**Beccy Merritt**  
**Headteacher**

### Where to find important updates/information:

**Website:** <http://wallaceroadnurseryschool.co.uk/>

**Facebook:** Wallace Road Nursery School

**Twitter:** @WallaceRoadNurs

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### Useful information

**If your child is ill and unable to attend nursery, please either call the office on 01604 713422.** Should your child be 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 when your child is poorly unless agreed otherwise.**

### Indoor / Outdoor

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.

### Toys from Home

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.

### 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 many of the activities we do throughout the year.

### Snacks/Drinks

As we have several children with allergies, please can we remind you not to pack drinks or snacks 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.

### Lunch Club

We are now able to offer 'ad hoc' lunch club sessions to 3 and 4 year old children who are not currently doing 30 hours. Lunch Club is from 11.45am – 12.30pm and costs £5. This cost only covers the supervision of Lunch Club and NOT lunch, you will need to provide a healthy packed lunch for your child. To book a place please ask to speak to Bev in the office, telephone 01604 713422 or email [bursar@wallaceroad.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@wallaceroad.northants-ecl.gov.uk) (bookings need to be made a week in advance).

### Drop Off/Collecting Children

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.

### Term Dates:

Term 1: Last day of Term 1: **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October** Term 2: First Day of Term 2: **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**



### Term 1 Topic: Learning At Home

#### How to help young children learn at home

You can help your child to learn through the little things you do with them, for example:

- everyday conversations
- make-believe play
- games with numbers or letters
- reading together
- involving them in the things you are doing, such as household chores, and talking with them about it

Find ideas for new things you can try at [www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk)

You do not need to set separate time or plan complicated activities dedicated to learning. These activities can be built into everyday life and play.

You know your child best. Avoid forcing them into lengthy planned activities if they naturally respond better to a mix of shorter activities. This can stop them getting bored or frustrated and keep them active, interested and learning through things they enjoy.

Information obtained from: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

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