

Gloucester Nursery School

Newsletter

April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers, Welcome back – I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. Although this term is only 6 weeks long we are going to be very busy. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. IT TELLS YOU WHAT IS HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THANK YOU.

- The nursery is closed for May Day bank holiday on **Monday 7th May**.
- The nursery closes for the May holidays at 4.30pm on **Friday 25th May**, returning on **Monday 4th June**.



Mini Marathon - Friday 27th April - Mini marathon around the perimeter of the nursery for children in the Nurture Nest and G3– All families welcome 11.30 am and 2.15 pm. More details to follow.

Mud Experience in G2 on Thursday 3rd May. See a member of the G2 staff for more details.



Forest School Experience for children in G3. **Red Foxes** will go to Forest Schools on the following dates: **Thursday 26th April, 3rd, 10th, 17th May.** Please look at the display in the nursery.

Community Day Stay and Play G3 on Wednesday 16th May. All welcome.

Please vote at Tesco (Northampton South Mereway) for the Nursery Kitchen Project. Voting will take place from **1st May to**



30th June. Use the tokens given after each transaction. We

hope to plant seeds in an area near the Dining Room to grow vegetables for breakfast/tea club.



We have made a video to help parents support their children's understanding of phonics (letter sounds). Please access via our website www.gloucesternurseryschool.co.uk – located under

School Info, The Early Years Foundation Stage – Literacy.

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

Best wishes

Julia

Children's Learning

Children in the 2 year provision (G2)

This term we are focusing on the outdoors. The children, staff and parents/carers will be exploring the garden area; I wonder what you will find in the sensory garden, in the digging area and in the bug hotel? On Thursday 3rd May we will be exploring all things 'muddy' including the mud kitchen and going on a 'muddy walk'. We are inviting parents and carers to join the children and staff. Please see the notice board in G2 for more details.

Parents and Children – Things to do to support your child's learning at home and Nursery (G2)

- Go on a walk to a park and run up/roll down the hill.
- Let your child practice dressing themselves eg. taking off their shoes, putting on welly boots.
- Let your child help get lunch ready by cutting the cheese or banana.
- Draw your child's attention to the nature surrounding them eg. ladybirds and worms. trees. the smell and colour of the flowers.

Children's Learning

Children in the main Nursery (G3)

This is the summer term, reviving the nursery garden and allotment patch will be a focus throughout this term. If you could donate any vegetable plants or have extra seed packets that need a new home, there are lots of green fingers at the nursery waiting to look after them. As the warmer weather continues, we will further explore our planting/nature theme: talking about how plants grow and what they need to keep them alive. As we continue to dig over the ground, we will be identifying mini beasts (learning new vocabulary; looking at reference books and websites to gain information about mini-beast habitats and how to look after them.) There was a big interest last term with learning about life cycles (we had chicks and frogspawn) and we will continue this term with observing a bee hive. The children have also recently shown a real interest in journeys so we will be looking closely at different forms of transport including space travel as well as using our imagination to go on some journeys of our own. The children voted for a rocket and this will be our first role play area. If your child has recently been on a day out and wants to share information, maps of where he/she has been, we would be really interested.

3 and 4 year olds only:

Parents and Children - Things to do

Literacy and Mathematics

- ☺ Look for letters and numbers in the environment and play games like 'I spy' and start to say the first sound in words.
- ☺ Practice counting different objects and finding the correct number to match.

Feelings and behaviour

Talk openly with your child about their responses and emotions and...

- ☺ ...Help them to understand that when people are busy they must wait and an adult will focus on them when appropriate.
- ☺ ...Help them to adapt their behaviour so that they begin to understand that sometimes you can't always do the things that you want to do because there are consequences.



Some more tips to encourage talking

- ☺ Talk about patterns you can see when you are out and about.
- ☺ Encourage your child to experiment and answer questions such as: "what would happen if...?" or "I wonder if...."
- ☺ Go and explore your garden or local park. What wildlife can you spot and name? If you have a digital camera you could use it to record what you find and then recall your visit as you look at the photos taken.
- ☺ Use Tapestry as a way of talking about what they have done. This works brilliantly both for at home and at school.

Encourage your child to gain in confidence by trying new things.

Encourage your child's independence by seeing what they can do for themselves.

Tips to increase independence: The year is speeding by and our thoughts are just beginning to turn to supporting some of our children in their exciting journeys towards going to primary school at the end of the Summer Term

Family workers will be:

- Encouraging the children to continue to develop relationships with all the adults in the nursery.
- Encouraging children to widen their friendship groups.
- Encouraging the children to try new things and to see an activity through to the end.
- Encouraging the children to motivate themselves/follow through on an activity
- Developing their listening and concentration skills in both small and larger groups.

You can continue to help us by:

- ↳ Encouraging your child to hang up their things when coming into nursery or when they are not wearing them.
- ↳ Helping them to settle at an activity of their choice, rather than relying on a friend or you to choose for them.
- ↳ Showing your child how to manage his/her clothing – buttons and zips; taking clothes off carefully; putting on shoes independently.
- ↳ Helping your child to write some or all of the letters in their name.
- ↳ Helping your child to further improve their concentration skills by completing the activities that they have started.
- ↳ Through everyday conversations encouraging your child to tell you/others about what they need, want, things they like to do and talking openly about dislikes.
- ↳ Helping your child to understand to keep trying even when things may get tricky for them.



General Information for all parents

Opening times: The main doors to the nursery will not open until 10 minutes before the nursery sessions start. Parents waiting will be encouraged to wait in the library and share a book with their child. ***Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.*** Please can parents:

- 1. Close all external gates. If you see a parent leave the gate open please speak to them!!!!***
- 2. Only let staff release the external doors in order to supervise who is coming into the school building.***
- 3. Only use mobile phones when you have left the school building;***
- 4. Keep away from the children's toilets. Only staff are permitted in this area***
- 5. Leave pushchairs in the external shelter in order to help with congestion***

Thank you

Please can I remind you to phone if your child is ill and unable to attend the session. In the case of sickness and diarrhoea the nursery policy is keeping the child at home for 48 hours. Please phone each day.

As you are aware the nursery has no car park! We rely on the goodwill of the local residents. To maintain the goodwill please show consideration when parking, avoid parking in front of the bungalows next to the nursery. To avoid congestion and improve safety for all, please can parents' park away from the nursery building and walk a short distance to the entrance.

Attendance and Punctuality

We recognise that attendance is a significant factor in encouraging your children to make excellent progress in nursery. We offer so many wonderful experiences but your child will only access them and develop friendships if they are here. Please make sure your child attends everyday unless they are ill.

Arriving on time is also essential for your child to be greeted, settled and best placed to learn and thrive in education.

Well done to: Kayibii, Sophie, Hugo, Lily, Ronee, Oliver, Ethan and Kamil (children in G2 whose attendance has been 100% since January)

Well done to: Bryn and Joseph (children in Nurture Nest whose attendance has been 100% since January)

Well done to: Naira, Leah, Lucas, Ria, Hugo, Theo and Sofia (children in G3 whose attendance has been 100% since January)

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. As from September 2013, I can no longer give authorised absences for holidays – authorised absence will only be given in exceptional circumstances.



Collecting Children:

Please notify us if someone other than a parent/carer is collecting a child on any day. Children under the age of 16 are not allowed to collect children. At pick up times, a Family Worker will 'hand your child over to you' and if information needs to be passed on they will do so.



Please view our website for information and to look at events that have happened over the week – you can even comment on it.

www.gloucesternurseryschool.co.uk

Twitter account!

Don't forget to follow us on
@GloucesterNurs1



Parent Helpers in G2 and G3:

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 me. We hope to have one parent helping at every nursery session. A DBS form (was called CRB) needs to be completed beforehand.

Please like our new Facebook page "Gloucester Nursery School". We also have a private group for parents find the page and request to join!

