

# Gloucester Nursery School

## Newsletter

September 2019

### Welcome to Gloucester Nursery School

A very 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 (every 6 – 8 weeks). It gives details of events and information that relate to you and your child. 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](http://www.gloucesternurseryschool.co.uk). 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. All staff look forward to working with you this year.

**Important dates for this term:** Macmillian Cake Sale: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September; Photographer 11<sup>th</sup> October; Nursery closing: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October; Nursery reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Best Wishes, *Julia*

### *Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

**Safeguarding Information:** There are 2 display boards relating to safeguarding: one is in the G2 cloakroom and the other is in the G3 cloakroom. If you are worried about a child's welfare please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Leads; either myself or Kerry, our Senior Family Worker (photographs on display). All nursery staff have attended safeguarding training and do receive regular updates. Contact numbers are displayed on the information board and leaflets are available from the reception area.

**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 in the progress and achievement they make. Although the children do not have to statutorily attend nursery, the Governors, Local Authority and Ofsted do request information on attendance figures. 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.

**On-Line Safety:** Please find attached information and an agreement regarding our on-line safety rules. We request that parents/carers read the agreement carefully and sign a photocopy of the agreement attached to each Family Workers board. This will confirm that rules and procedures have been understood.

## **Children's Learning G2**

This term is all about the children getting to know each other, the children getting to know the staff and generally settling into the nursery. The children's learning often takes them outdoors where they develop, among other things, gross motor skills. Please do bring in appropriate clothing so your child can be completely involved in all the rich and valuable experiences. **Please look at the Parent Board daily for any information, this is where notices are usually placed.**

### **G2- Things to do at home with your child to support their learning**

- Let your child help with unpacking the shopping by telling them to find different things like, "find the apples," or "find the crackers."
- Increase your child's independence by letting them wash their face or try and put welly boots on by themselves.
- Play games where your child listens to instructions such as "roll the ball, kick the ball and throw the ball."
- Read story books to your child, making the sounds of the animals or sounds of the objects.
- Encourage your child to have a go at drinking from an open cup.

## **Children's Learning G3**

### **Children in the main nursery (G3)**

Your child is continuing on their learning journey through the Early Years Foundation Stage and will continue to build on the skills and knowledge they have acquired so far. Sometimes, children seem to 'forget' something they have learned but please be assured, that knowledge is still in there, it is just perhaps on hold for a while to enable them to learn something new.

The children will be supported to get to know each other and the staff in the nursery this term while learning self-help skills and independence to enable them to access all areas of the learning environment. The children will be encouraged to try new activities and help each other once a skill is mastered. They will self-access all areas of the nursery including snack which happens twice a day in our dining room.

Please support your child by letting them carry their own bag and hang it on their peg, and put their lunch box on the trolley if they have a packed lunch. At home, please encourage your child to do age appropriate tasks for themselves. This could include putting shoes on, getting something out of the cupboard or fridge to help and helping select items when shopping.

### **Parents/carers involved in children's learning and development through using an IT software package called Tapestry**

Tapestry enables the nursery-home dialogue with families, giving staff opportunity to share your child's learning and experiences with you, while providing you with a platform to share significant moments from home with your child's family worker. Please feel free to log into your account and see how your child's learning and development is progressing while they attend Gloucester Nursery.

Tapestry is a safe space and the images and data within it are protected by safeguarding features. Gloucester Nursery School's use of Tapestry is in full-compliance with the GDPR regulations.

## 3 and 4 year olds only:

### Parents and Children - Things to do

#### Personal and Social

Encourage your child to be more independent. E.g. Finding their own peg and hanging their coat on it.

Play games together encouraging your child to take turns and to listen and respond to what is being said to them.

#### Mathematics

Support your child to count steps, stairs, cars, buses, biscuits – any opportunity for counting.

Ask your child “How many .....?”

Let them pay for shopping and wait for the change.



#### Top Tips!

##### Get Talking

Understanding others and knowing what to say are really important skills. They help children to make friends, learn and enjoy life to the full. Children need more time than adults to think about what they have heard and to decide what to say back so...

- Give your child time to respond and look at them while you wait.
- Get your child's attention by saying their name before you start speaking.
- Give your child plenty of time to think.
- Talk together about the seasons, trees, and seasonal weather changes.
- Go on an adventure and talk about your discoveries e.g. What can you find in the park?

#### Read together!

Help your child to fill in the missing word, phrase or join in with known rhymes and stories.

Show your child how to handle books carefully and to know what the different parts of a book are e.g. pages.

Let your child see you reading.

Talk about and retell favourite stories.

Look for print out and about.

### **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/Nurture Nest 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

**Collecting children** – Please notify us if someone else is collecting your child. Children under the age of 16 are not allowed to collect children. At pick up times, please can parents enter the nursery quietly and allow the Family Worker to organise the hand over.

Thank you.

### **Working in partnership with parents – Important dates and information for all parents/carers of children attending Gloucester Nursery School (G2 and G3)**



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 walk to the entrance.



Children and their parents can visit the library in the reception area at the beginning and ends of a nursery session. Books and story sacks are available for you to borrow. Story sacks borrowed cost £1.00 a week.

**Macmillian cake stall on 27<sup>th</sup> September.** More details to follow.

**G3 Locality Walks Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October.**  
**G2 Locality Walks Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October.** More details to follow



The photographer will be coming to the nursery on **11<sup>th</sup> October.** Details to follow

Half term – **Finishing on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** returning to nursery on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **Governors**

Gloucester Nursery School is supported by a dedicated Governing Body that meet once a term. The role of the governing body is to support myself and the staff in maintaining the high standards of learning and teaching and the quality of care across the setting. Progress and development work within the nursery is achieved by a shared vision of aiming for excellence and by governors challenging Gloucester to constantly improve standards through their role as 'critical friend.' Parent governors represent the views of parents on the Governing Body.

The Governing Body meet in the evening to discuss matters such as health and safety; staffing; premises and finance. We have a delegated budget and this means additional responsibilities for the Governing Body. Our first meeting is on **16th October**. If you would like your views represented please see your Parent Governor: **Victoria Hinds**. Her contact details can be obtained from the office.

### **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.



### **Website:**

Please spare a few minutes to look at our fantastic website! The website is updated weekly. We welcome any comments – to add comments please click on 'contact' – top toolbar and click on 'your comments'.

#### **The address is:**

[www.gloucesternurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.gloucesternurseryschool.co.uk)

### **Places at Gloucester Nursery School:**

Spaces will be available in G2 and in the Nurture Nest in January 2020. **The Nurture Nest will only open if there is a demand.** If you know anyone who has a child eligible please contact us to fill in an application form.

#### **Applying for a primary school place – September 2020.**

You will need to apply to Northamptonshire County Council for a primary school place for September 2019 by applying online at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions). For more information call 01604 236599 or e-mail [admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

### **Facebook:**

We have a closed group for parents of children attending the Nursery. Search on Facebook under 'groups' and request to join.



### **Nursery Contribution:**

We ask for a voluntary contribution from parents for each child that attends the Nursery. This is 30 per 3 hr session. This can be paid weekly or termly, by cash or cheque. Please use the envelopes provided and place in post box in Reception.

