

Crosshall Nursery School

Newsletter ~ November 2011



We are very pleased how well the children are settling. Please do not worry if your child still cries at the start of the session; all the children settle quite quickly once parents have left the building!

Start of the session

Several parents have asked when do the children come in independently without parents? We are very aware of how crowded the start of the session can be, with parents and younger siblings in the room and appreciate that it would be easier for some children if it was not so crowded. We like to welcome parents and other relatives/carers into the Nursery building to help settle the children and remind the children of the routines as well as an opportunity to speak to members of staff. If, however, any parents wish to start encouraging their children to come in independently please do so.



Absences from Nursery

If your child is absent from Nursery for any reason, please telephone the school office to advise of the absence. Alternatively, please complete an absence form when your child returns.

Absence forms can be downloaded online or paper copies are stored in the wallets close to the "Parents' Notice Board" in the Nursery.

We know that often children are keen to come to Nursery even if unwell, but if your child is unwell or under the weather, please do not send your child into the Nursery as germs spread easily!



Next Steps

Later in November you will receive your child's individual 'Next Steps' in the six areas of learning. This will help you to support what we are doing with your child in the Nursery.



Letter sounds

We are now starting to teach letter sounds in the Nursery. A booklet showing the actions that we use to help the children learn individual letter sounds will come home with your child shortly.



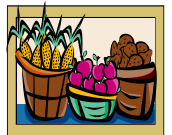
Treasure Hunt

A very big thank you to everyone who participated in our treasure hunt. We hope you all had fun and we are very grateful for the treasure that was collected.



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the wonderful harvest gifts which you donated. We had a lovely whole school assembly and all your gifts were collected by Cambridge Food Bank, who distributed them to needy people within the community.



Jeans for Genes

Thank you all for your kind donations to the "Jeans for Genes" appeal.





Helping in the Nursery

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the Nursery so far. We do encourage everyone to come into help at least once during the year, as this is such a useful insight into your child's school life and gives people some ideas of how to support your child at home. We also welcome other relatives in to help, such as grandparents. Please do sign up on the timetable once your CRB clearance is complete. The school office can provide further details, if you haven't yet applied.

Toys

Our Nursery policy is that children do not bring toys in to stay in the Nursery for the session, unless these are topic-connected or your child is unsettled. The reason for this is that they can easily get lost and broken.



Coats and clothing

Please ensure your child has a named, warm, waterproof coat in



Nursery each day.

Please could you also help us to teach your child to put on his/her coat and do it up. Practice makes perfect!



Please could you assist us in returning clothes that your child is changed into, when he/she has had an

accident, as soon as possible. There are times when we are very short of clothes!

Please could you also check that your child's clothing is named, particularly shoes and sweatshirts.

Parking

This remains an issue at school. Please take care when walking around areas of the school site that also include cars.



Please be considerate of our neighbours if you are parking a car near the school. Please be aware that parking on the school site is not permitted unless a car pass has been issued for exceptional circumstances.



Children In Need

The Nursery children will be joining in with the Infant School on Friday 18th November in raising money for "Children in Need".

For a £1 donation the children can come to school in 'non-uniform'. The children **do not** need to wear their school jumpers.



Any Questions?

Please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff if you have any questions or to give us your valuable feedback.

