

Nursery Newsletter - Autumn Term 2024

Welcome, from all of us, to a new school year. We would especially like to welcome new parents and children joining us at Fairfields for the first time.

For the first half of this term our main topics are 'Ourselves and Our Families', 'People Who Help Us and Occupations'. We will also look at seasonal changes for 'Autumn'. During the second half of the term our topics will be 'Festivals and Celebrations' (including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas) and 'Winter'. All areas of the Early Years curriculum will be taught through these topics.

Language & Communication: We will learn and sing a new nursery rhyme each week. The children will also listen to daily stories and begin their introduction to phase 1 phonics which will help to develop their speaking and listening skills. The children will also undertake tasks to support the development of their pencil control skills through group activities and child-initiated activities.

Maths: We will focus on key skills such as numbers and counting, sorting, sequencing, shape, space, measure and time.

The children will also be given many opportunities to express themselves creatively through various art and craft, music, and physical activities.

We operate a small library system in the Nursery. Every Friday the children will bring home a book to share with you; the book can then be returned by the following Wednesday to be changed the following Friday – more details to follow! Letters, paintings and other work to be taken home will be distributed at the end of each session.

Lastly a few reminders:

- It is very important that **ALL** clothing and shoes, packed lunch bags and bottles **MUST** be clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Wren Class - drop off and collection (for 15 hours Nursery)

- 8.45am – 11.45am at the main Nursery entrance.

Wren Class - drop off and collection (for 30 hours Nursery)

- Morning session: 8.45am-11.45am – children to be dropped off at the main Nursery entrance.
- Lunch club in Little Fields Pre-School: 11.45am-12.30pm – children will be taken by Mrs Connell.
- Afternoon session: 12.30-3.15pm – children to be collected from Little Fields entrance.

Sparrow Class - drop off and collection (for 15 hours Nursery)

- 12.30pm – 3.30pm at main Nursery entrance.

Sparrow Class - drop off and collection (for 30 hours Nursery)

- Morning session: 9.00am-11.45am – children to be dropped off at the Little Fields entrance.
- Lunch club at Little Fields Pre-School: 11.45am-12.30 – After Lunch club, children will be taken to Nursery by Miss Cirket.
- Afternoon session: 12.30-3.30pm – children to be collected from the main Nursery entrance.

Safeguarding our children is of great importance at Fairfield's Nursery. Therefore, we have a strict drop off and collection procedure for our nursery children:

Drop off: Parents are kindly asked to line up behind the Nursery gate (Wren 15hrs, 30hrs and Sparrow 15hrs). Please do not let your children run around. At 8.45am/12.30pm a member of staff will open the Nursery gate and invite the children to come into the Nursery one by one. If your child is in Sparrow Class and attends for 30hrs, Mrs Hammond will open the Little Fields Pre School entrance at 8.45am for the pre school children only. Mrs Hammond then re-open the door at 9am to welcome the Nursery children into Little Fields. Please allow space for the pre school children to enter first, at the earlier time of 8.45am. Thank you.

Collection: A member of staff will open the gate /door and parents are invited to the Nursery /Little Fields door to collect their child. It is really important that you do not call your child to you, but wait for a member of staff to call your child's name, at which point they will be released to you.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff, please wait until all the children have been dropped off /collected. Please make every attempt to be punctual when dropping off and collecting your child to avoid unnecessary upset for your child. If for any reason you or your designated person are unable to collect your child, please inform the office as soon as possible of the person who will be there to collect them instead. Without this information we will not allow your child to leave the Nursery which can result in delay, frustration and distress for the adult and child. Please note it is school policy not to allow children under the age of 16 to collect children from the Nursery.

Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have any queries, questions or worries concerning your child's time in Nursery; we are happy to help if we can.

Finally, all the staff in the Nursery would like to wish everyone a happy and successful Autumn Term.

Thank you for your co-operation,

Mrs Allen, Mrs Halili, Mrs O'Sullivan, Mrs Hutchins & Mrs Connell. (Morning Nursery staff)
Mrs Hammond, Miss Whyte, Mrs Waldon, Mrs Wentworth, Miss Cirket (Afternoon & 30 hours staff)