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Nursery News November 2023

Hello All

This term has been such a celebration of light and dark. We are noticing the dark mornings and evenings and observing the sun as it rises and sets. As we move into the celebration of Christmas, we will start to notice the light decorations that light up houses in our community.

I am delighted to share with you that we have now bought a defibrillator from all the fundraising we raised from the April 40 miles challenge! The defibrillator is a modern version and such an easy tool to use - all our staff have been trained on how to use it. It is created to be used on adults or children. It will be stored in our reception area so that it is easy to access. We hope that we never have to use it but are glad that we were able to raise enough money to have one on site. Thank you to those who were able to donate in April and supported our cause.



Thank you so much for your donations of fruit, other healthy items for snack and boxes of tissues - they are appreciated. If you would like to make a weekly donation to the nursery fund - this money supports all the extra activities we are able to do, such as cooking, feeding the nursery snails and additional resources that we use. Please see details on page 2 of the newsletter if you would like to donate. All contributions are warmly received.

We have been asked by some parent's recently for clarifications on car seat laws in England. Here is the current guidance.

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall must wear a seat belt.

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

Here is the link to the government guidance; https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules

We are currently recruiting for an Early Years Educator SEND support at Bedworth Heath Nursey School- please do circulate the advert for us. It can be found at https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/180214/early-years-educator-send-support/

The staff team have asked if you are replacing your artificial Christmas tree and have an old one you are not using anymore, please do consider donating it to Nursery, we would appreciate it greatly! For all the exciting news about our Christmas parties and craft events, please check out page 4 in this newsletter!

Have a lovely weekend all.

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Important Dates for your Diary !!!

Christmas Activities Week for <u>Daisy</u> Nursery - 18 to 22 December - details on page 4 Christmas Party for <u>Orchard</u> Children - Friday 22 December - details on page 4 Christmas Craft Workshop - Thursday 21 December - all details on page 4 Christmas Holidays - 25 December - 5 January 2024 - Nursery Closed Teacher Training Day - Monday 8 January 2024 - Nursery Closed Children return to Nursery for Spring Term - Tuesday 9 January 2024 February Half Term Week - 12 February - 16 February 2024 - Nursery Closed Teacher Training Day - Monday 19 February 2024 - Nursery Closed Easter Holidays - 25 March - 5 April 2024 - Nursery Closed

If your child needs prescribed medication while at Nursery - please inform staff on arrival as you will need to complete a Medication Form before you leave site. We shall then keep all medicines in a safe area, away from access by the children.

Some reminders:

- Can we please ask that all children have appropriate clothes, footwear and a suitable coat for the weather. Also, can all children have a coat that has their name inside it!
- Please could we ask that no sweets are put into your child's lunch box as we like to promote healthy eating and good oral health.
- Due to some of our children having a severe Nut allergy, NO NUTS, OR NUT PRODUCTS ALLOWED.
- We welcome nursery contributions, we ask for a weekly donation of £1.50, or if you wish to pay for the term, please call the school office and they can advise the amount. All payments must be through the bank, we are no longer accepting cash. Our account details are: Account No: 48141468, Sort Code No: 30-84-79, please quote your child's name on the transaction, followed by the letters NF. We do really appreciate receiving these contributions.
- Please can we ask that all children have sent in spare, <u>named</u>, clothes, including socks kept in their nursery bag which is kept on their coat peg.
- Please could we request a donation of tissues. If you can please drop a box of tissues into Nursery thank you!

Keeping Everyone Safe - Parking reminders:

- Please close all gates and doors behind you. This is to keep all of our children safe.
- Please do not park on the yellow zig zags outside Nursery. If the fire engine needs to attend an emergency to save a life and your car is in the way, they will move it by whatever means available!



- Parking Reminder: Please do not park on the coned-off pavement area. It is illegal to park over the fire hydrant and to do so will incur a parking fine. Please keep this paving area clear and do not leave cars parked on the bend.
- Please let us know, by phoning the Nursery if someone else will be collecting your child. Remember, we will not let your child go with someone we don't know or haven't been told is collecting your child. Passwords must be used.
- When taking your child home in a vehicle, please secure children safely in their appropriate, and legally required, car seat before you drive off.

Regular school attendance is important for the children to make relationships and learn. However, young children do become poorly, especially at this time of year, so please keep them at home if they are unwell. Thank you very much to everyone for co-operating in letting us

know when your child can not attend. We are very grateful for the phone calls and messages.

Remember—with vom-

iting, sickness or diarrhoea you must leave a clear 48 hours before sending your child back into Nursery. Thank you.

And remember you must not send children in if you have had to give them Calpol/Ibuprofen.

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Facebook - Bedworth Heath Maintained Nursery School and Warwickshire Teaching School.

Orchard and Daisy Nursery

WELCOME TO OUR NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

The Orchard and Daisy Teams

Welcome back for our term that runs up to Christmas. We have had quite a few illnesses already, so if your child is under the weather with a cough or temperature, please keep them at home until they are well. This will help to minimise the spread of infection.

CURRICULUM

It is the time of year when we celebrate a lot of festivals.

To rejoice in Autumn as Halloween approached, we explored pumpkins and made pumpkin soup. The children were comparing weight and size and rolling the pumpkins. They used exciting adjectives like slimy, squidgy to describe what was inside them.

Diwali was celebrated over half term and we joined in by learning about the story of Rama and Sita. We created Rangoli patterns and tasted Asian food. The children were adventurous and tried food that they hadn't tasted before.

For Bonfire Night, we learned about fire safety and had a well-timed fire drill. The children were so excited to tell us about going to watch the fireworks. Some were scared of the bangs and told us that they had stayed indoors. Daisy children watched a virtual firework display on their interactive whiteboard and were whooping with excitement.

We then paid our respects to the fallen servicemen for Remembrance Day. We learned about the poppy and its significance and the children made their own poppies to wear.

Finally, we celebrated Children in Need with a dress up day. We had a Pudsey Bear Hunt and made badges to wear. Thank you for your kind donations of toys and food that will go towards Christmas parcels for families that need extra consideration at Christmas time.

Going forward, our theme is All About Me and as part of this we will be teaching the children how to keep themselves safe through Protective Behaviours. If they do not like what another person is doing, we teach them to say, 'Stop it, I don't like it.' Sometimes it is because another child doesn't want to share but it can also be when they are having fun, but the game has gone too far and they no longer feel safe (for example a child goes too close to them). They may use this language of safety at home.

PROMOTING FUNDAMENTAL VALUES IN OUR NURSERY

Fundamental Values thread through all the areas of the curriculum that we teach the children. These include:

democracy the rule of land individual liberty

mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

This term, we are learning to respect other children and adults by our actions and words.

GATE SAFETY

At all times, we at Nursery are working hard to keep the children safe in our environment. We have bolts on all of our gates and a buzzer system to let parents through the main gate. We also have high levels of staff at the gate. The children are always excited to come to Nursery and drop off times can be very busy. You can help us to keep your child safe by doing the following:-

Waiting in line, so that only one child enters the gate at a time.

Handing your child over to staff at the gate. Keeping conversations with staff short. If you need to discuss something in detail, please make an appointment and we will book in time with you as that time is important.

Having goodbye hugs and kisses before you reach the gate.

Moving away from the gate as soon as your child has been handed over.

On collection, please ensure that your child is holding your hand when you leave Nursery.

Thank you for helping us to make our transitions safe.

As always, we appreciate your co-operation and support. If you have any queries, please speak to a member of staff at drop off or phone the office.

The Orchard and Daisy Teams



Christmas Activities News!



Orchard Nursery - (3 and 4 year olds)

Thursday 21 December — Christmas Craft Workshop

In our Orchard Nursery we will be having a Christmas craft workshop on Thursday 21 December from 10.15am until 11.15am and 2pm until 3pm. Parents/carers are welcome to come along and join in the Christmas fun. If your child attends the morning nursery session, please attend during that session. If your child attends the afternoon nursery session, please attend during that session. For the 30 hours children, parents and carers may attend either session.

Friday 22 December — Christmas Party Day

Our party day with a special visitor will be on Friday 22 December. It will be lovely to see the children in their party clothes, or just wearing some tinsel or coming in their favourite dressing up outfit. Children will attend their <u>normal nursery</u> session times.

Daisy Nursery - (2 year olds)

Christmas Activities happening all week from Monday 18 December to Friday 22 December

As Daisy children attend on different days, our Daisy nursery will be having a whole week of parties. Christmas celebrations with a visit from a special visitor will be held every day during this last week of term. Children may dress up, wear a piece of tinsel or their favourite dressing up costumes.

Instead of a craft day, your child will bring home a Christmas bag with lots of crafting ideas for you to do at home with them over the Christmas holidays.



OUR TEAM

Each month on our Newsletter we are going to be introducing members of the team with their photo and a little bit about them so you can get to know our wonderful staff a little better. This month is our 30 hours family.

30 hours family



Mary – I enjoy spending time with my family, listening to music, going swimming and motor sport, particularly Formula one.



Simmy - I like cooking, reading and going on holidays with my family to seaside. I also enjoy listening to music and watch Disney movies.



Niki - I love spending time with my family and friends and like to travel to destinations where we can walk in the mountains or paddle board on a beautiful lake. I enjoy running, yoga and going to the gym and like to relax with a good a book.



Barbara Charles, Family Support and Pastoral Manager

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Helpful Organisations: https://www.refuge.org.uk/ (for domestic abuse help)

https://brancab.org.uk/ (Bedworth Citizens Advice Bureau)

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families (Family Information Service)



Why do children bite?

- Biting can occur when young children are teething. They may be seeking something to soothe their sore gums.
- Children might be frustrated—they might not want to share a toy or are struggling to tell you how they
 feel.
- Your child might be angry or cross. At this age managing big emotions is tricky!
- Some children might have sensory needs and are seeking sensory feedback.
- Children have a NEED for attention, it is part of being a human. Biting guarantees a big response!



What can we do to stop biting?

- If you think your child is teething, offer teething rings or ice pops to soothe sore gums. Chewellery is also a
 good solution.
- If children bite with frustration, or when they have disagreed with another, then first of all offer support and help to the child who has been bitten. Offer comfort and hugs, and of course First Aid. Tell the child who has bitten that 'teeth are not for biting'. It hurts!' and move them away and redirect to another activity.
- Children sometimes bite to get attention, as it always gets a big response from both the person they bite
 and adults around them. This can accidentally reward them with attention which encourages a repeat. It is
 better to give lots of attention when the child is playing nicely. For example 'you are doing lovely sharing' or
 'I like the way you are taking turns'. By giving your attention to the child who is bitten prevents attention
 for the undesirable behaviour.
- If your child displays sensory seeking behaviours such as mouthing everything, (often typical for children with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis for example) then offer alternative safe objects to bite. Ideas might include Chewellery, teething toys or rubber toys.



How will we support children in nursery with biting?

- Children are supported in a number of ways in nursery including following our Golden Rules, staff's thoughtful use of praise, staff setting good examples and modelling these examples daily. To help children understand what is right and wrong, to help children be able to express their feelings in a number of ways. *We will work closely with parents and carers, act sensitively, be flexible to the needs of individual children and the whole group. We will provide opportunities to learn and reflect on their feelings and those of others. *We will follow the Personal and Social Development (formerly Behaviour) policy. https://www.bedworthheathnurseryschool.com/files/ugd/5d67fb_e4069489f4054942ae54178dacb31f9e.pdf
- We will teach children about how to keep themselves safe by using Protective Behaviours. https://www.bedworthheathnurseryschool.com/protective-behaviours

Parents/Carers, please remember the

Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

-that you have all read and agreed to during induction.

Please be kind, respectful and polite to staff at the gates.

- There will be times when we have to ask questions.
 - There will be times when we ask you to wait whilst asking for guidance from Senior Leaders.
 - There will be times when we need a second opinion.
 - Please be patient. This is for everyone's safety.

Thank you for helping us- you really make a difference in keeping our nursery community safe.



Parents and Carers - Please remember!

Please refrain from smoking or using an e-cigarette outside the school gates



Can we also please ask that <u>no mobile phones are used on the entrance area</u> to school, or within the school premises - so that staff can speak to families at hand over



Please **turn off your phone** and camera function

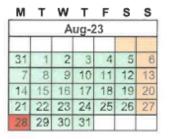


In the interests of safety and hygiene, <u>no dogs</u>
<u>are allowed</u> into the Nursery or onto it's grounds,
with the exception of guide dogs

School Term and Holiday Dates

(Nursery School will be closed on these dates)

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24



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Half Term	Days
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Autumn Term	76
Spring Term	50
Summer Term	69





Secondary School Induction Day

