

Bedworth Heath Nursery School
and Warwickshire Early Years Hub



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today, tomorrow, together"

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Nursery News March 2022

Hello All

I want to say **again** a huge thank you to you all for following all the updated COVID guidance that is in place. Early Years settings across the county have been hit with the new omicron variant as more staff and children have tested positive for COVID. Thank you for working with us to manage the rise in cases. Hopefully the email we sent out on Friday explains all the new guidance for schools to follow.

We are reaching a point in the year that our children that will be leaving us in July 2022 will be allocated their school place over the Easter Holidays. Please do let us know what school your child has been allocated and we will then organise transition meetings with their new school. If you are appealing the decision or on a waiting list for a different school please do let us know.

I want to reassure you all that due to COVID and lockdowns the transition from nursery to school has been adapted to meet the needs of the children and any gaps that have arisen through lock downs. The children continue to follow the Early Years Curriculum until the end of their Reception Year once they move to school. We will organise days for your child's new teacher/teachers to come and visit them at nursery and we will do transition meetings with the new schools. If you have any questions regarding the curriculum or transition, please do let us know and we will help in any way we can.

We are looking forward to welcoming some new children into nursery after the Easter holidays and some of our children will be moving into Orchard nursery from Daisy Nursery.

I hope you have a good Easter Holidays and let's hope the sun does shine!

Nicci

Dates for your Diary

Teacher Training Days coming up are: **Monday 6th June— Nursery will be closed on this day**

Easter Holidays — 11th April— 22nd April 2022

May Bank Holiday — 2nd May 2022—Nursery Closed

Spring Break Week — 30th May—3rd June 2022—Nursery Closed

Teacher Training Day — 6th June 2022—Nursery Closed

School Transition Day—Wednesday 6th July—Your child will visit their next school, if applicable

Last Day of term —Thursday 21st July 2022—school breaks up for Summer Holidays

If your child needs prescribed medication while at Nursery - please inform staff on arrival and a Medication Form will need to be completed by you. We shall then keep all medication 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! Remember to apply sun cream if it is sunny!
- 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 allowed to accept 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, **named**, 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 - Some 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.
- 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.



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



Important contact details

**Bedworth Heath Nursery School:
Telephone No: 024 77 752 392**

**Website:
www.bedworthheathnurseryschool.com**

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

Orchard and Daisy Nursery

UPDATE FROM BEDWORTH HEATH NURSERY SCHOOL

My, how the time flies, it's already the end of our Spring term! The children have been amazing as always and adapted very well to the unavoidable changes in staff as Covid has hit us hard this term. Where possible, we have been using consistent staff for Family times, a familiar face for your child.

Thank you for continuing to adapt to our ways of working to keep our school community safe. We really appreciate that you take extra care and consideration for others when your child is ill.

CURRICULUM

This term we have been celebrating the festivals of Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday. Both involved a lot of food tasting! The children discovered the Chinese New Year cycle of animals and excitedly re-enacted the story of swimming across the river. They also took part in pancake races outside, running and trying not to drop their pancake! The 25th Anniversary of World Book Day was celebrated with dressing up in our favourite character costumes. Your child should have received a book token that entitles them to a free book. If you haven't already collected the book, you still have until 29th March to redeem the token at a bookstore.

It has also been Chatter Matters Week. Across the school, children were engaging in Listening and Attention activities that are vital for developing language. It is rare that children experience total silence and tune in to the sounds that they can hear, especially outside. Have a go at home. It's amazing what sounds can be heard in the distance - a bird singing, a neighbour's dog barking, the cars on the motorway.

The children are also learning how to keep themselves safe and be proactive when in a situation they might find frightening. We are teaching them the correct names for body parts, so that if the need arises they can accurately tell an adult what is hurting. We also teach what children can do if they are in a situation that they don't like, for example saying in a loud voice, 'Stop it! I don't like it!'

We also talk about a safe stranger, eg a shop assistant in Tesco, and how to identify them by their Tesco badge. You may already have your own strategies for your child and I urge you to re-visit them regularly.

Over the next few weeks we will be learning about Spring and Easter and the customs that surround these festivals.

NURSERY CLOTHES

It is a part of Nursery life that your child will get messy and maybe wet during their play. Sand, water and paint are all experiences that we offer and your child is able to take part in. Sand and water are sensory and the children love the feel of both running on their hands. They are also important for learning the Mathematical concepts of volume and quantity. Paint is a wonderful way of expressing your feelings and experimenting with media. You may receive many paintings that all look the same, until one day you see a recognisable picture! It is a process that all children go through and enjoy.

Some of our children prefer to learn outdoors and so the messy activities are replicated outside so that all children can access them. Unfortunately, this may mean wet or painted coats. All efforts are made to reduce this, but accidents will happen. Please do not send your child to nursery in their best clothes and coats. We want them to feel that they can access all of our activities without worrying about getting their clothes dirty. If you need a play coat, please speak to a member of staff as we have several donated coats that you can use. Also, please keep your child's supply of clean clothes topped up. Send clean, named clothes in a plastic bag and we will refill your child's canvas bag that is kept on their peg. Thank you.

The weather is hopefully going to be warmer now that Spring has arrived. Could we ask that children still wear closed-toe shoes or trainers please. Outdoor play involves a lot of climbing and running and children need a robust shoe in order to enjoy all the activities.

OPAL ASSESSMENT

OPAL parent phone calls will be taking place from Monday 4th April for children whose birthday or half birthday falls in March. Your child's key person will arrange a mutually convenient time to call you to discuss your child's progress.

PARENT SHARE

Thank you to those parents and carers who have signed up for Parent Share. There are a lot of photos and videos being sent in and staff are enjoying seeing what your child does out of school. Evidence Me photos and observations will be released at the end of term, so you can see what we have been doing at Nursery.

If you are not familiar with how to use Parent Share, myself and Sharon Wood will be running an Evidence Me Parent Workshop after Easter via teams.

The Orchard and Daisy Nursery Team



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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)

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.

Staff are following new **Government Protocol** and guidance from **Public Health England** to keep your children and staff as safe as we possibly can throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic.

- 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 as the guidance changes daily.
- 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.**

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Parents and Carers

Please remember!

Please consider wearing a face covering / facemask at the school gates



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

Can we also please ask that **no mobile phones are used on the entrance area** to school - so that staff can chat to families on the hand over

