

### Nurture Nursery

With a number of new children settling into Nurture Nursery we have kept the environment and routines very familiar this half term. Outside we have introduced more 'small world' play with a safari, following the interests we have seen from some of our established children. There has been great interest indoors and outdoors in mark making. Outside we have used white chalks on black paper and lots of paint brushes with water to make both large and small detailed marks. Children are responding well to large pieces of paper they can collaboratively make marks on. Inside the whole table has been covered with white paper and has been filled with colourful marks across the morning. We are now planning to extend this interest in mark making next half term.



### Staff team



We are delighted to welcome some new members of staff to our Nurture Nursery team. Anna Fennell-McLoughlin started in Nurture Nursery this week as our new Early Years Educator

She is a fully qualified teacher and brings with her a strong interest in the early education of young children. The children have responded to her immediately and she is now building really lovely relationships for learning with them.

### Staff team

After the half term we will also welcome Rachel Benson, a very experienced early years practitioner who will work alongside our team of early years educators and also be able to offer some individual work with our youngest children and support some transition work into our Nursery class.

In addition, each Thursday and Friday for the summer term we will also welcome Lauren Patel, again a fully qualified teacher who has made a choice to come and work with us so she can specialise in early years and will work alongside. Lauren will again provide some individual support work.

### Development work for the Teaching Team this term

Resourcing stories to include sensory motor learning in our story time experiences. As we look for more ways to include all children, including those with different learning styles, in our activities we have started some development work as a team to bring story times to life with increased sensory motor participation. We will also be talking to the children about our 'energy' for learning and will think about how ready we might be to learn and what we can do to prepare ourselves.

### School Fund

Thank you to all who have made a financial contribution to the school. Your support is very much appreciated and does make a difference as it buys the fruit the children eat and contributes in many other ways too! The fruit & snacks cost the nursery approximately £1,000 per year. So, contributions are vital in ensuring we also have enough funding for all the wonderful resources. If you have not yet donated, it's not too late! Suggested Contribution: £1 per week paid weekly, half termly, termly or for the whole year. Bank details are 30-94-93 01869186

### Spare clothes

As the weather changes and hopefully warms up, could you please send a change of 'summer clothes' in for your children after May half term.

### Security

**PLEASE DON'T LET ANYONE INTO SCHOOL THAT YOU DON'T KNOW.**

In regards to the side gate, ask any person to ring the buzzer and wait to be let in by staff.

Please always shut the gates behind you.

### Summer weather reminders

With the sunshine hopefully on its way, we need your help to keep your children safe and healthy in the sun. Please can you ensure that sun cream is applied before school, children bring a sun hat and that they're wearing suitable shoes for running and climbing. Toes should be covered to avoid injury, so please avoid sandals, crocs or slip on shoes. Trainers/pumps are ideal.

### Places for Sept 2023

We have some places available for September 2023 in our Nurture Nursery so please spread the word to anyone who might be interested.

### IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2022/23

(Nursery closures listed in **yellow**)

**Summer term dates: Monday 17 April - Friday 21 July 2023**

Summer half term: Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June 2023

**Open Day for new 2023/24 cohort of children - Wednesday 5 July** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

Last Day of Term - Friday 21 July 2023

**Teacher Training Days - Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 July 2023** (no Nursery School or Nurture Nursery for children)

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/school-term-dates-induction-days-training-days-holidays/2>