

## New Term Nursery Newsletter



A warm welcome to the new children and parents who has joined us this term. We also welcome back families who have returned to nursery this term.

Some children find it hard to settle at nursery whether they have been here before or if it is their first time. However, by working together with your child's key person and teachers we can help your child settle and have a positive, happy time at the nursery.

If you have any concerns or worries about your child at any time, then please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff who works with them.

### Nursery Times



Please make every effort to bring your child to nursery on time at the very start of the session. Prompt collection at the end of the session is equally important as the children can become a little upset.

**Drop off:** 8.30 – 8.45am, then 9am. 30 hours : 9.30am

PM: 12.30 – 12.45pm, then 1pm

**Collection:** AM session 11.15-11.30am.

PM session early pick up 2.20-2.30pm then 3.15-3.30pm

### Mobile phones

A reminder that the nursery school is a 'No Phone Zone'. Please turn off your phone when entering the nursery



### Parking

Your child's safety is important to us, please **DO NOT** park on the zig-zag lines at the front of the nursery. This is illegal and blocks our emergency exit, it also puts other children and parents at risk.

Please also be mindful of our neighbours and refrain from parking in front of their driveways.

*Remember you can park in the Centre car park, located off Whitby Road.*



### Voluntary contribution

As we have started a new term, may we kindly ask parents to contribute some fruit or vegetables each week for the children to share at snack time. Apples, pears, oranges, cucumbers, bananas or carrots would be greatly appreciated. We may at times ask for flour, pasta and cornflour donations as we use these for our play.



### Absences

If your child is absent for any reason please inform the nursery daily by: telephone 01753 521975, text 07786208889 or email the nursery on [admin@slough-nursery.slough.sch.uk](mailto:admin@slough-nursery.slough.sch.uk) Please keep your child at home if they have a high temperature/fever. If your child has had vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is important that they remain at home for at least 48 hours after their last bout of illness (vomit or diarrhoea). Please refer to NHS website for further guidance: [nhs.uk/live-well-is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well-is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

### **Story Bags**

Parents can take a story bag to share with their child. Story bags will be available every Thursday, starting from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. We request a £5 voluntary contribution for the term, this covers any damages or loss of items from the story bags.

| <b><u>Location</u></b>       | <b><u>Story Bag Collection Times</u></b> | <b><u>Return</u></b>                           |
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| Parents area - Sunshine room | Thursdays 8.30 & 9.30 am & 12.30 pm      | Mondays in the Green box outside Sunshine room |

**Appropriate clothing** We will be going outside in all weathers. Therefore, children need to wear comfortable clothes and shoes that do not restrict their movement and are weather appropriate for the time of year. A simple tracksuit or jumper with a t-shirt underneath is best on most days. They should wear safe and sensible shoes. No jewellery (except stud earrings) unless worn for religious purposes. Please remember to write name your child's name in their belongings and ensure they have a spare set of clothing in their bags.

**Attendance** The impact of non-attendance at school significantly increases gaps in knowledge and understanding for children. Research has shown that this has a huge impact on their attainment and achievement. While nursery school education is not compulsory, if you have accepted a place for your child it is expected that your child attends nursery every day. We appreciate that there will be occasions where your child is too poorly to attend, these absences should be reported to the nursery as mentioned above.

Any planned requests for leave will require authorisation by the Head teacher. Forms are available from the school office.

### **Outdoor Play**

Playing outdoors is very important for learning and has so many benefits mentally and physically. A common question that we are asked by parents is, 'are the children going outside every day?' or 'can you keep my child indoors?' It is wrongly believed that children will get sick being outdoors as most sickness is caused by viral or bacterial infections.

### **Safeguarding**

The safeguarding of your child is of the utmost importance at Slough Centre Nursery School. Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility you can help by ensuring you close doors behind you, not to prop doors open for others as young children will not always stop to check if their adult is next to them, be vigilant when you leave the building and not using devices when inside the nursery.

If you have any cause for concern, please report it to our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Mrs Lateef: Safeguarding Lead,  
Miss Badnell: Deputy Safeguarding Lead  
Mr Yanambakkam: Chair of Governors