



Autumn Newsletter - Term 2

Sharing, Caring and Learning Together



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy few weeks we have had at nursery. The children have been showing me all the exciting learning they have been doing in their classrooms. It has been lovely to see the Christmas decorations going up inside the school, getting us all in the mood for all the seasonal activities. Do look out for the pictures on our website and Instagram page of the Nativity & Christmas party.

We will be welcoming new families after the Christmas break. Some reminders, please park considerately, do not block our residents' driveways. I suggest parents use the Centre car park and get the extra steps in!

Also, Story bags will restart on Thursday 11th January.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you after the Christmas holidays on the 8th January 2024!

Mrs Aisha Lateef
Headteacher

Warm Winter Clothing

Now that the winter weather is upon us and the temperatures have dropped it is important that the children have the correct clothing to keep them warm whilst they are outside. A thick winter coat, gloves, hat, scarf **all named please**.

Borrowed Clothes

Please could you wash and return any borrowed nursery clothes as soon as possible as we get very short of spare clothing.

ATTENDANCE

A reminder that unless your child is really unwell they need to attend their sessions every day. The impact of non-attendance at Nursery significantly increases gaps in knowledge and understanding for children, as well as impacting on their social and emotional development. Research has shown that this has a huge impact on their attainment, achievement and future life choices.

As a Nursery School our expectations for attendance are 95% and above.

We are required by law to maintain an accurate record of the attendance and absence of each child and parents/carers are asked to assist in this process by keeping us informed if their child is absent for any reason. **Absences must be reported before 9.00am for morning and 30 hours children and by 12.00pm for Afternoon children.**



I am delighted to announce that Slough Centre Nursery are the Modeshift STARS Regional Early Years Establishment of the year Award winners 2023/24 for the South East area. Well done to all the families and Miss Carroll for your hard work in order to achieve this.

Punctuality: Please make every effort to arrive on time for the start of each session. Doors shut at 8.45am and 12.45pm. By arriving late your child misses valuable teaching time and disrupts the other children who are settled in and you will have to wait until 9am and 1pm. Please also ensure that you arrive on time to collect your child at the end of the session. If you are late to collect your child on 3 occasions, we will issue a fine, as this is unfunded staffing time -each lateness will incur a fine.



SCREEN TIME



Unstructured

- 3+ hours a day
- Unsupervised use
- Used as a babysitter
- Passive watching
- Used during meals
- No child lock

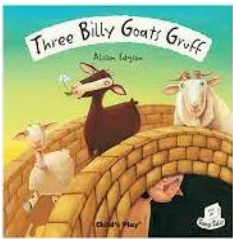


Structured

- Up to 1 hour a day
- Rules and limits are set
- Parents are involved
- Talking and engaging
- No screens at the table
- Educational content

Staffing News: Mrs Saundh will be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her every success in the future. Mrs Lateef will be acting SENCo.

Mrs Hashmi & Mrs Mohamed have joined the Slough Centre Nursery team, supporting the children with their learning.



Three Billy Goats Gruff - After the Christmas break, the children will be reading and learning about the story of 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We will have a story map and a typed version of the story which you can have to take home. You can practice retelling the story with your child. It has lots of simple repeated phrases making it ideal for children to join in with.

IMPORTANCE OF READING STORIES TO YOUR CHILD

There are numerous benefits of sharing a story with your child.

In addition to strengthening the bond between parent/ carer and child, story time sessions:

- help children to associate reading with emotional warmth and fun. When children are cosy and comfortable, reading aloud to them can even lower their stress levels.
- help children develop a love for story and reading.

- develop speech and language skills; steady pace, exaggerated voice, emphasise sounds, good sentence structure etc.



- builds vocabulary.
- cultivates imagination.
- promotes attention and concentration skills.
- establishes a bedtime routine.

Online safety for under fives

You should start talking to your child about keeping safe online at an early age. It's easier to have conversations about online safety little and often, rather than trying to cover everything at once

- Set boundaries from the start, it will make it easier than trying to play catch-up at a later stage.
- Ensure your home page is set to a child friendly website.
- Set 'Safety Mode' up on YouTube to help filter out explicit content.
- If you use Google, turn on Google 'Safe Search' to filter sexually explicit content from your search results.
- Check that websites are suitable before your child visits them. Look for websites that have parental pages that explain how the site works and how they keep your child safe.



To protect and safeguard everyone at nursery the use of mobile phones is not permitted on any part of the Nursery School site. Vaping and smoking is not permitted at the gates when dropping off or collecting.



Toilet Training

Potty training is a key developmental milestone. It's vital that parents and practitioners work together to give children consistent messages. We are able to achieve this only **when the child is ready and able to say and show signs of readiness**. Being toilet trained is a skill that children need to develop independence, self-esteem and confidence to thrive at school.

We will help and support your child as long as they know and understand some common words and are able to pull up and down their clothing or ask for the toilet. We remind them constantly and take them to the toilet by we have a lot of children here and everyone is busy whether they are staff or children playing. So please excuse the accidents that can happen occasionally.



ACTIVE MOVEMENT

As part of our **Active Movements** initiative to encourage a healthy lifestyle and promote well-being, the children alongside their parents and carers joined in with Ring games. It was great to see so many of you join us in reflecting our school value of Adventure and Community.



REMINDER: Primary school applications must be submitted via SBC Citizen Portal by 15th January 2024



Which is the best school for my child?



Consider:

- Do you think your child will be more comfortable in a small or larger space?
- What access is there to the outdoor environment?
- What extended care is available?
- How are parents involved in the life of the school?
- Can you walk to school? Is it near enough for you and your child to feel part of the local community?
- Remember an Ofsted report is only a snapshot in time, it may be over 5 years old and reflect a school where many changes have since happened.
- Visit schools to decide if they 'feel' right. Most schools will hold open days for you to visit.

Primary School Admissions Close 15th January 2024.
You must apply for school place by then if your child is in Nursery.

Dates for Diary:

- 14th December: Nativity play
- 15th December: Christmas party, last day of term
- 18.12.23-07.01.24 – Nursery Closed
- 08.01.24 – All children return to nursery