

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our weekly Birches Nursery newsletter. On our newsletter, I will communicate with you information about our week in Nursery and home learning opportunities.

Home learning in Nursery is optional however it does enhance their interests and involvement in Nursery activities. The learning opportunities are set alongside the children's interests throughout their week, will communicate any specific learning targets in Nursery, or to provide resources to enhance our environment. The children may be asked to produce something creative. These could form part of a wall display in Nursery and allow the children opportunities to develop their communication and language skills as we share them. Please name all the Home learning tasks we set and encourage your children to be as independent with the activities as possible. We may ask your child to on shape hunts around their home, look for numbers or cook something. We would love for you to send in any information, notes or photographs you take about the activity.

I am extremely pleased with how well everyone is arriving to Nursey for their sessions. Please can I ask that you are ready for the Nursery bell at 8:35am with your child waiting in the line. Children need to wait just behind the steps and form a line behind each other to wait for the bell. If parents can step to one side just before the bell goes, in order for the children to walk sensibly into Nursery following their friends with no distractions. Please encourage them to be **holding their own bag and water bottle in their hand**. Should anyone not wish to do this I am happy for you to hand them to myself and we will work towards it. Any child upset, please let the line go past and will come over and support them into Nursery.

If you have any messages please pass them on a note to myself or leave a message with the office. I happy to speak to any parent at the end of their child's sessions once all the children are dismissed.

For those of you with children arriving at 12:15pm, the routines are the same for your child. Please encourage them to make a line and wait for a member of staff to collect them. Please DO NOT stand near the gates that overlook the playground at all times, in order for us to follow our safeguarding policy.

Collection- 11.35am. Please do stand close to the entrance, without blocking it, as we will not release your child into your care until we are sure we have seen you. If you need to speak to a member of staff we ask that you step to one side until all the children have been dismissed.

PASSWORDS- Please let the office know your password if you have not already done so. These will be used if you have someone unfamiliar to us collecting your child. Inform the office if arrangements for collection have changed.

This week the children have settled extremely well into their first week. We have some more new children starting next week and very much look forward to meeting them.

Nursery have spent this week learning new routines and locating different resources in their environment. They have explored painting, threading, building, role-play pirates, princesses, space rockets, shopping and hairdressers, to name but a few activities they have been involved in.

We have spoken about the Golden Rules in Nursery and I will send you all a copy of the rules to keep at home. We know about sharing and using kind hands, as well as walking in class.

The children have sat well during our short carpet sessions and have been introduced to Ten Town. A resource which enhances our development of numbers. This week we have met King One, who is kind and looks after all the characters in Ten Town.

Dear Nursery,

Your **home learning** this week will be to create a poster "THIS IS ME". I would like a large poster (card or paper) between A3 and A2 size. Fill your poster with lots of pictures, photos and facts all about you.

Tell me about your family, pets, likes and hobbies. Be colourful and creative.

I look forward to sharing them with you and displaying them in Nursery.

Please return your poster by Monday 16th September.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mrs Magey and the Nursery team.