

Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd

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Newsletter November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all having a wonderful half term and are managing to get out on some lovely autumn walks. Thankyou for the contributions to our autumn table, we could do with some different coloured leaves now!

Autumn photographs

We would very much like to have an autumnal photograph gallery displayed in nursery. Nursery children and before and afterschool children are encouraged to take their own photographs of 'autumn' when you are out and about in the park, on family walks or in your own gardens. We look forward to seeing your photographs which you can email over to us for display in the nursery. *Get snapping!*



Photographer

We have the photographer in on **Monday 4th November** to take photographs of the children. You are welcome to bring siblings in if you wish for them to be photographed altogether. The photographer will be arriving from 8am so if you wish for family photographs, arrive early. These would make great Christmas presents.

Staffing

We are recruiting and will be interviewing shortly, so watch this space for new staff members joining us.

Opening hours

Can we please remind you that the nursery sessional hours are 9-3 and the doors are opened at these times. Some children enter earlier by prior arrangement and payment.

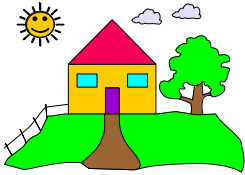
Lunch boxes

Can I please ask that you send your child with named lunch boxes and drinks bottles? As there are children with the same design they are easily getting mixed up. As some parents have asked about where to purchase name tags here is a website that do name tags which has been recommended by one of our parents.

mynametags.com

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Grapes in lunchboxes

Can we please remind you to cut grapes in half lengthways to prevent your child from choking?

Free 30hrs - how to apply

If you are thinking of accessing your 30 hours in January please make sure you log on to the following link to get your code. Once you have this let us know and then we will give you our paperwork to fill in.

<https://childcaresupport.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Safeguarding

Can I please remind you again **NOT** to leave the school grounds via the carpark gates but to use the gate leading down the path. I have seen parents pushing pushchairs through the car park and I am worried with work being carried out at the school that vans and trucks are entering the car park. Please please use the path.

Toileting

Very well done to all the children who have been superstars coming out of nappies. You are all fantastic.

Cutlery

Please don't send your own cutlery into nursery for lunchtime as we have plenty at nursery which the children can use.

Chicken pox

We have had a couple of cases of chicken pox in the nursery recently. As we have Jess pregnant it is important to inform us if your child has chicken pox and then obviously keep them off nursery. Thank you

Hand, foot and mouth

We have had quite a few cases of hand, foot and mouth in the nursery so we ask that you be vigilant to your child contracting this. I know we are on half term now so hopefully you all have a week of wellness ready for the return.

Allergy

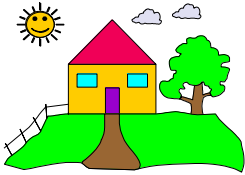
We are now a NO PEAR setting due to a child having a severe allergy to pear. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in not sending it in lunchboxes.

Children in Need

11th-15th November is a week of Pudsey fun for Children in Need. Throughout this week the children can dress up and join in with having fun getting creative, making masks, having a treasure hunt and lots of other exciting things.

Coffee morning

Our next stay and play coffee morning for all parents and children is **Wednesday 27th November 9-10am**. You are all very



welcome to stay with your child and make a Christmas decoration.

Speech & Language Drop in-

The first Monday of each month at the Children's Centre 10.00-11.30 you can go along and chat with Sarah Adams speech & language therapist about any concerns you may have regarding your child's speech and language development. The dates are as follows:

4th November, 2nd December

Within nursery itself is myself Penny and Jane (2yr end) who will be more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have around your child's speech and language.

Reminders

Can you please ensure that your child has a change of footwear for inside nursery if they have arrived in wellies. It is not ideal for the children to be walking around indoors with just socks on their feet and likewise it is not ideal to be wearing wellies all day. Also, with the weather wet and cold, can you ensure your child has a coat with them each day. Thank you.

Time to Talk with parents

You should have received an invitation to come into nursery to do an activity with your child and chat to their key worker. It would be lovely to see you all so we can

discuss your child's progress and next steps.

School admissions September 2020

If your child is due to start reception next September 2020 then you should have received a letter informing you of how to apply for a place. You can apply online the link is below. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2020.

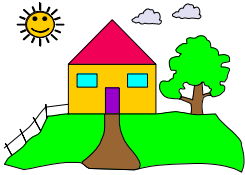
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyin-g-school-place-reception/apply-school-place-reception/1>

Hampers

Can I please ask that you kindly donate some items that would be good to make up some hampers for our stall on St Nicholas night Friday 6th December. Wine, chocolates, mince pies to name just a few items that go down well in a hamper! We will have a box in the foyer for you to pop your donations into during the week we return after half term.

Design a Christmas card & Mug

You should have all received a letter and design sheet by now. You have half term to get your child/ren busy drawing so that you can return the artwork to nursery **week commencing 4th November**. A proof of the design will be created for you to view, and from then you can order what you



want. Again, this is a lovely idea for Christmas.

Childcare terms and conditions

You should have all received this policy by email and should take particular account of the payment of fees section.

Celebrations

Congratulations to Rosa for completing her forest school training. She is now a qualified forest school leader. Claire for completing her CACHE Level 3 Diploma in early years and Jess for achieving her Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Early years degree. Well done to all of them for working so well to achieve.

With Regards

Penny Williams

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