

Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd

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Newsletter February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst we have had a cold start to the year, this has not stopped us getting outdoors and exploring all the changes in our environment. The children have enjoyed exploring frozen water, watching the squirrels burying the acorns for later in the year and more recently getting involved with the Big Garden Bird watch.

Measles

There has been an increase in measles cases across the country including recent rises in cases in the west midlands.

Most of the measles cases are children who have not had the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. Signs to look out for are as follows:

- High temperature (fever)
- Cold like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, coughing, sneezing
- Red, sore, watery eyes
- A non-itchy, blotchy red brown rash. This usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to the rest of the body). The rash can be harder to see on darker skin tones.

- Small white spots appearing inside the cheeks and on the back of lips (for a few days)

If your child should develop a rash then it is advised to call your Gp and explain symptoms. You will be advised of what action to take.

Fees

Please ensure all fees are paid in full before we break up for half term.

Staffing

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Jessie who works with our 2-3-year-olds is leaving us next week. Jessie is a warm and loving member of the team and will be very much missed. I hope you will all join me in wishing Jessie all the best for her new adventure.

CLOSED half term - 12th - 16th February inclusive.

The nursery and wrap around club will be closed for the week and will return on Monday 19th February.

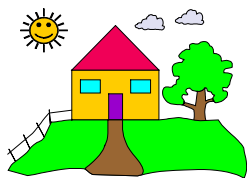
Pancake Races in Alcester Town - 13th of February

This year the pancake races are taking place during half term. The court Leet who arrange these races are hoping they will see children attending. The event will start at 11.00am with many organisations taking part.

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Chat to your child's key person - w/c 19th February & 26th February

Parents will be invited into nursery in small groups to chat again to their child's key person about the progress their child is making.

Paper

We are still in desperate need of any paper which can be used by the children for mark making. If you have any card, paper, birthday/Christmas cards that can be used then we would gratefully have these off you.

Labelling items

Can I just remind you to label your child's drinks bottle and lunch box please? We have a lot of children who have duplicate items and by labelling them it would help the staff to find the correct lunch box/bottle.

Booked sessions

After half term I will be sending home a booking sessions form for parents to book their children's sessions for September 2024 until July 2025. We are completely full now for the remainder of this year and are unable to offer any more sessions to you until September.

New for 2024: Expansion of childcare funding for eligible working families

From April 2024, working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours of funded childcare a week.

You may be entitled to 15 hours, rising to 30 hours, funded childcare if you are:

- a two-parent family, both working and each earns the equivalent of 16 hours per week paid at the national living wage
- each earning less than £100,000 per year

OR

- a single parent, working and earn the equivalent of 16 hours per week paid at national minimum wage
- earning less than £100,000 per year.

For parents who have already applied for this and have checked I can accommodate your child with the sessions, will be required to send me a copy of the code along with your national insurance number. Thank you!

Healthy lunchboxes

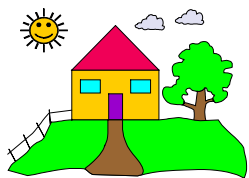
If you are struggling for ideas for lunch boxes this site is packed with useful information around portion control, snack, and lunch box ideas that you could try with your child. Just click on the link below.

www.firststepsnutrition.org/eating-well-early-years

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Kind Regards

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