



Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd

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Newsletter January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. Welcome back to nursery and we Wish you a Very Happy & Healthy 2019.

We have quite a few new children starting this term, and we hope they will enjoy their experiences with us as much as your little ones already do.

Staff

We are excited and delighted to see Jess Quiney returning after her maternity leave, she will be working closely with Jess Bolstridge who took on her job role as afterschool supervisor. They will be working closely to ensure a smooth handover / transition of key children takes place. Jess Bolstridge will be talking to all her parents on her key children's progress and development before she leaves for her maternity leave at the end of this half term.

Illnesses

It's just a little reminder, that we rarely exclude children from nursery. However

please remember that we do have an exclusion of 48hrs if your child has

diarrhoea and sickness, this is in the event that your child may have a bug. If you think your child may have conjunctivitis, we ask that you take them to the local pharmacist to ask their professional opinion.

January stay & play coffee morning - Monday 21st

We've had some lovely coffee mornings, so we thought it would be a nice opportunity for you to just come and join in with your child's play and meet and chat with other parents. This will be great for our new parents to meet up and make new friendships too.

Children Moving in Nursery

All the children moving from the toddler end to the pre-school area have done so well with their transitional visits, so hopefully come January their move will be one of ease. They have all been informed of their new teddy colour and key worker too.

Forest School - onsite

We have decided to use our on-site forest school area as an outdoor learning area as well as a forest school site, so that more children can access this area throughout the week.

Grant

If your child is eligible to access the 2yr

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funding or the 3 / 4 yr funding, your grant form will be ready to check and sign with Penny in the back room. Please check the outside wipe board as we will be asking you to sign in alphabetical order.

Dummies and Talking - quick tips

Try and wean your child by approximately 12 months

Make a clean break, throw the dummy away over the week end, or when you have support. Most children will only fret for 2 or 3 days.

Dummies prevent babies from babbling - an important step in learning to talk, so only use at set times, like bedtime.

When your baby cries he's trying to tell you something, try and find out what's wrong, and use the dummy as a last resort

If your child does still have a dummy, always ask them to take it out before you talk to each other.

At nursery we accept them some of our children in the toddler room may still require them from time to time as a comforter, but once happy and settled they are removed.

Biting - quick tips

Biting is a typical behaviour often seen in infants, toddlers, and 2yr olds. As children mature, gain self-control, and develop problem solving skills, they usually grow out of this behaviour. Whilst not uncommon,

biting can be an upsetting and potentially harmful behaviour. It's best to discourage it from the first episode.

If you see the biting incident, move quickly, get down to child's level. Speak in a firm tone and make a strong statement "no biting. Biting hurts." Next offer a choice "you can help make xxxx better, or you can sit quietly until I can talk to you".

There's lots of reasons why children bite, and it will happen in nursery, it's part of them maturing.

Scratching others

Most toddlers get aggressive sometimes. Tantrums and aggressive behaviours - hitting, kicking and scratching - does not mean that that you as a parent are doing anything wrong, but it does mean that you / we do need to take action. A younger child up to the age of 3, is not being 'bad' or disobedient, they are just trying to tell us something, but haven't yet developed the language skills or emotional habits to communicate more effectively. At times this might happen because they don't feel that they've been listened to, and this is the only way to get attention. It usually happens when the child is not getting their own way, what they want. Quite often this behaviour will happen if a child is tired, worried, not feeling well, hungry or stressed. So stop the aggression, try and get your child to use words, calm them down, talk to them at their level, find out

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what triggered this. In nursery we see some of these behaviours, sometimes innocently through play, others through frustration, but we will deal with these incidents sensitively and appropriately. There will be times too through a child's role play that undesirable behaviour will take place, but mostly these are not meant maliciously.

Fees

Please note that all booked sessions have to be paid for both in nursery and the breakfast and afterschool clubs. If children attending the afterschool club attend their school clubs and the nursery staff collect from school, then **FULL** fees are due and **NOT** half fees.

If your child attends Our Ladys School or St Nicholas School can you please let me know of their Teacher Training Days / Inset Days the first week of term, it's your responsibility to inform us, otherwise once invoices have been issued then payment will be required.

Late Collection

Last term some parents were late collecting their children, can I please remind you as per contract that a late collection is £1.00 per minute.

Late payment

Late payment charges of £25 per week will be implemented. Once your invoice has

been issued, you have 14 days in which to pay part payment, plus you are notified when the late payment date is due. If your pay day is at the end of the month, then you need to make adequate provisions to ensure that you can afford to pay your nursery fees.

Doors Opening times for Breakfast Club

The doors will be opened from 8am and not before, staff are still setting up and doing their health and safety checks. As most arrive in the car I suggest you stay warm in the car until 8am.

Nursery Teaching Training Day

Monday 7th January, the nursery will be closed like most schools. We will have a teacher training day on this day.

Nursery Open - Tuesday 8th January 2019

Children in nursery & before & after school clubs

Term Dates

All events and relevant dates for your diaries were issued in September, in your welcome packs and can be found on our web page www.alcesternursery.org

Wishing you all great health and happiness for 2019 from the team.

With Regards

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