



Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd

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Newsletter October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy start to the Autumn term, we've had a lot of new starters, and I'm pleased to say that most of them have settled really well with only a few tears.

Our breakfast club & afterschool continue to thrive too.

Breakfast Club

Staff are still setting up and doing their health and safety checks, so please do not ring the door bell before 8 o'clock. Staff will be available to let you in from 8am.

Congratulations

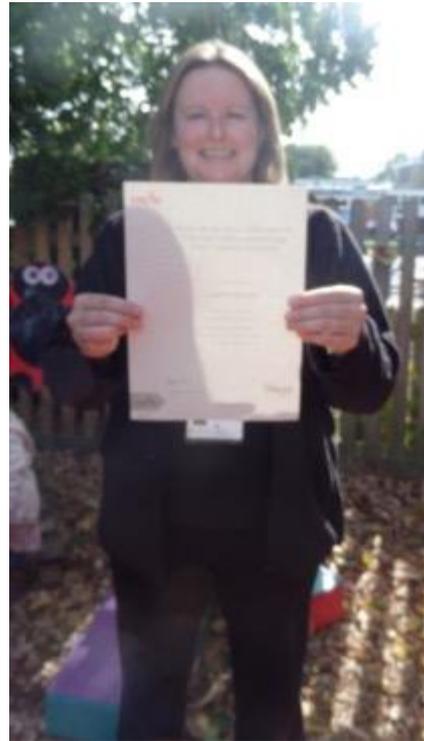
We celebrated 65yrs between us, me 30yrs, Andrea 20yrs, Vera 10yrs and Jane 5yrs. I always feel so fortunate to have such loyal, long serving staff.



Although sadly Vera will be leaving us at the October half term, we wish her all the very best.

Congratulations to Claire too.

Claire has just received her Level 3 Diploma in Childcare - well done.



Staffing

We are recruiting, interviews start 1st October, and we are hoping to find some enthusiastic people to join our team. I will keep you posted.

Jess Bolstridge

Jess is pregnant, so we are following her

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journey, and watching her as her baby grows - we're all very excited.

Holiday Photo

Thank you so much for all the holiday photo's the children really have had fun sharing them with their friends.



Forest School

Rosa Burden & Claire Sturgess are about to start their forest school leadership, as they have both thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team. With Vera leaving us we will be unable to run our on-site forest school, but when Jess Quiney returns from her maternity leave in January, it will resume, apologies for any inconvenience.

Blaze Bear

The children have been lucky to access a Fire box from WCC fire service, they've watched DVD's, had stories read, made a fire engine puzzle, dressed up, used lots of the resources and learnt a lot with Blaze bear & Ellie the fire dog. They've been looking at home for the smoke detector; they've been practising stop, drop and roll, and have a better understanding now of why we practice our fire drills.

Logging in details - evidence for learning

If you are not accessing your child's photos from their time at nursery, then please let me know and we'll ensure that you get a password sent out to you.

NEW - outdoor graphic area

Jess has done a fabulous job designing this, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed accessing it.



Our Fairy Garden

The fairies treated the children to a party in their garden area.

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Your child will be coming home with a personalised design a card sheet, please get your child to design / draw a picture and return to me asap but no later than Friday 2nd November. These will get sent off and your proofs will be returned with an order form should you wish to purchase any:

Jeans for Genes Day

Congratulations, together you raised almost £50.00 for this great cause.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - this Friday 28th September. It is a non-School Uniform day if you wish, for staff and children.

We will hold our coffee morning between 9 - 10am, we will also be holding a raffle. First prize a bottle of gin, 2nd prize a bottle of Pimms and 3rd prize a cake. Please join us to raise some money for this charity.

Harvest Festival

We are asking for biscuits, coffee, tea, tinned foods, cereals, any fresh produce to bring at the end of the week. We will then deliver to Jubilee Court. It's another way for the children to feel part of their local community, both the children and the elderly enjoy this activity.

Annual Parade and Court Leet Church Service - Sunday 21st October

We have been invited to attend this annual

Facebook

I hope you are seeing all the fun and wonderful activities that have been happening at nursery.

Fundraising Events

These will be sent out once Amanda and her team have organised dates & events. Please don't forget the easiest way to help our fundraising team is to log onto www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ansltd if you buy online from companies like ToysRus, ELC, amazon, Dixons, Boden, eBay, Dell, Argos, baker Ross, John Lewis, Boots plus loads more, log on first, select your store & purchase your items & the nursery will receive some commission - easy.

Christmas cards - design time

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event. The parade will start at 11am at Bleachfield Street, followed by a church service at 12, it will be a child friendly service, but you don't have to attend, then there are light refreshments at the Town Hall following the church service. Please let me know if you are able to attend via email, thank you.

Safeguarding

Penny and myself have just completed our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) training. Whilst all the staff attends training every 3yrs, those of us of a higher level also attend a higher level of training every 2yrs too.

Free 30hrs - how to apply

We only have a few places left, if you wish to access from January 2018, you will need to be applying for your code now, I will require it by December, so the earlier the better. Please see the link below.

- Parents have to apply the term before they wish to access these hours. You apply direct online to HMRC's digital childcare service at <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>
- If eligible you will be given an 11 digit code, which you will need to hand into nursery, to fill out another form.

We also offer funding for 2yr olds, there is a strict criteria in order to access this, please log onto the address below to find out if you are eligible. This site will also inform you of any other help with child care costs that you might be able to access. Please go to the following link to see if you are eligible.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcarecosts

Annual Parade and Court Leet Church Service - Sunday 21st October 2018

The Alcester Court Leet has invited us to the **Annual Parade and Court Leet Church Service** on Sunday 21st October 2018. The service will commence with a parade starting from Bleachfield Street at 14:30 hrs. Proceeding up the High Street to St Nicholas Church for the service at 15:00 hrs. This will be followed by a reception in the Town Hall at 16:00 hrs. We hope to see you there for the parade.

Time to Talk

Autumn is such a lovely time of the year to be getting out and about exploring all of nature's offerings. We ask that if you are out on your walks and find any leaves, conkers, acorns etc please bring them into nursery for us to display in our nature tray. Lots of language opportunities arise when out on walks so remember parents keep it simple with your language, follow your child's lead and have fun! Oh and don't

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forget to tell us how it went even drop us a photo of your autumn walk if you like.

Reminders:

Please continue to put sun cream on your child as they enter nursery, as the sun may still be with us!!!

If your child comes in wellies we ask that they have a change of foot wear

If your child comes in sandals then please wear socks, or preferably wear enclosed shoes for safety reasons.

All children to have a named pair of wellies & a named waterproof on their peg or in their red nursery pump bag if you were issued with one, please **DO NOT** use plastic bags

If your child wears nappies to ensure that we have enough nappies, wipes & cream - we do have spare ones which we can use (at a cost)

Should your child have an accident, we have spare clothing at nursery, can I please ask that you wash the nursery ones & return on your child's next session

To please inform as you enter the nursery of any scratches, bumps or similar that your child has, and then fill in the relevant form

On Teacher Training days full fees are still due if your child would usually attend nursery, and pay, as per agreement in our prospectus.

Lunch Boxes

Please ensure that your child has a healthy lunch box, please also name all items - lunch box (on the outside, not inside, Tupperware containers, drinks bottles etc.) Also **ALL** grapes have to be cut horizontally in order to avoid choking, uncut grapes will be sent home.

Dates for your diary

Please put dates on your calendar. The first event coming up is our:

Coffee morning - Friday 28th September, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, then we have a **messy stay & play** session on Thursday 18th October, everyone's welcome.

Late Collection

Late collection of your child means a fine, if late more than three times then this could mean your child is no longer accepted in the nursery or clubs.

We are very much looking forward to another busy, fun packed year.

With Regards

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Debi French Head of Nursery

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