



AUTUMN TERM 2019 NEWSLETTER

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We are looking forward to a fun and busy term. Our topic this half term is 'Under the Sea' and 'Looking after our environment'.

Dorking Halls are putting on a children's show 'Tabby McTat' and would like to offer families 2 for 1 tickets to the show. Please see attached leaflet promoting this offer – families can use the discount to get up to eight free tickets per booking, quoting TABBY.

TAPESTRY:

Hopefully all new parents have received an email from Kim asking them to log in and activate their child's journal on Tapestry. If you have not logged in yet, please do so and you will see what your child has been doing at nursery. Any problems logging in, please speak to Kim.

Some of the photos in your child's journal are group observations so can be seen by all the children's parents. Any comments made on group observations will be seen by parents of children in the photos.

STAR:

All the children have the opportunity to be 'Star' for the day. This is when they can help the teacher and show the other children a favourite toy, book or something special. A date has been allocated to them but if you feel that your child would be happier just showing their key worker, a teacher or just a friend then that is fine. It is not a problem if they don't feel able to do it.

All the children enjoy being Star, bringing in their favourite toys, being the leader and helping the teachers. We would love the children to bring in their favourite toys as well as their favourite book, which will be read at story time.

STAY AND PLAY:

We have STAY AND PLAY FOR PARENTS; this is an opportunity for parents (mum or dad) to spend time with their child in the nursery. It's a chance to see what your child likes to do and who they play with, find out what goes on at Nursery and to have fun!!

A morning will be allocated to you – if you are unable to spend the whole morning, then sometime at the beginning of the morning, during or at the end is fine. The allocated day is when your child's key worker is in which will give you the opportunity to chat to her. If you are unable to make the allocated date – please speak to Kim.

This will be after half term for the children who were with us last term – dates to come. New children will be allocated dates next term.

Unfortunately, we are not able to have siblings in the nursery and understand that this may make it difficult for you to do your allocated day – please speak to Kim and we'll sort something! Grandparents are welcome



OPEN DOOR POLICY:

Just a reminder that we offer an open-door policy - staff are available for parents to talk to if required on a daily basis. Please can you ask to speak to staff inside nursery and not on the door. If the member of staff you wish to speak to is on the door, she will change over with another staff member and come into the hall or kitchen to talk.

NAMING ITEMS:

Please make sure that all the children's items are named. **Beakers, containers, lunch boxes, coats, boots and spare clothes, everything!**

SPARE CLOTHES:

Please make sure that your child has spare clothes in their bags everyday and pull ups if needed. Also, that they still fit!

THURSDAY CHILDREN:

The children coming to nursery on Thursday morning will be able to choose a library book from nursery to take home and share with you for the week. Please bring the book back the following Thursday to enable your child to choose a different one. Books need to be returned each week in order for another one to be taken. On arrival at nursery, please put the library books on the table in a pile (there will be a sign!) then they will be marked off as returned and the children can take out another one for the next week.

HEALTHY SNACKS AND LUNCH BOXES:

The nursery promotes healthy eating and we encourage the children to understand the need to eat healthily. Please can you cut your child's grapes in half and we ask that no nuts/peanut butter or kiwi fruit are brought into nursery.

We are also been talking to the children about our environment and how we can help to look after our little world. We are trying to make small changes within our nursery, and we would kindly ask if you could help us with this. Please see the attachment 'Save money saving the planet'. We would like to reduce our waste so ask if you could please put snacks and lunches in Tupperware boxes, paper bags or wax wraps as an alternative to plastic bags, foil and cling film – thank you.

AFTERNOON CHILDREN:

If your child attends nursery in the afternoons, please can you provide them with fruit, vegetable or a small box of raisins for their afternoon snack. We have an afternoon snack box for you to put the named snack in.

CLOTHES:

Please ensure that your child is dressed suitably for the weather, if they do not have a coat they will not be allowed outside in the garden when it's cold or raining. If you can encourage your child to put on their own coat, it gives them a sense of achievement and encourages independence. In particular the older children need to be able to put on their own coat when they go to school as the teachers do not have enough time to do this.

WELLIES:

Please can you bring your child's wellies (named) into nursery, they can be left at nursery all the time or brought in every day your child attends. We do need them to be at nursery, as we will be going outside on a regular basis.



HEADLICE:

Please check your child's hair regularly and treat when necessary.

SICKNESS POLICY:

Can we just remind you that your child should not come back to nursery until they have had 48 hours clear from sickness and temperatures.

If your child is poorly or not coming in for any reason, please let us know by emailing info@brockhamnursery.com (before 7.30am) or phoning/texting 07765151384 then we can keep tabs on illnesses, days out (for chats when back in nursery!) etc

JUNK MODELLING:

Junk modelling is an OFSTED requirement. As the nursery has limited space we can not store a great deal of this so we have a rota system, each child is allocated a day to bring in some junk modelling. It doesn't have to be a large amount, but we do need to have something so that we can keep our junk modelling container full.

NO medicine containers, toilet rolls, cling film boxes with a serrated edge, or polystyrene.

SCOTT THE BEAR:

Scott is our nursery bear who loves to go travelling with the children, he enjoys going away with the children on holiday, visiting grandparents and having sleepovers. Scott had a lovely summer with one of the children. If your child would like to take Scott away, then please let a member of staff know.

DATE FOR DIARY:

Monday 16th December - Christmas Party for all children – More details to follow

Parents evening - TBC

Christmas concert date - TBC