



Wisbech Day
Nursery
& Out of School Club

Autumn Term Newsletter 2019

Welcome to the Autumn term at Wisbech Day Nursery. We hope you have had a great summer and are ready to join us for a fun and exciting term.

It is always nice to know what the children have been up to over the holidays so we would love for them to bring in any photographs of trips, holidays, outings, special occasions or anything special they would like to share with their keyworkers and friends.

The nursery is pleased to welcome our new families whose children are joining this September. We know you will make the children and their families very welcome. To those families who were with us last term, welcome back !

For those of you who are new to Wisbech Day Nursery, the Nursery is managed by Sarah Vick. Sarah is supported by Jasmin West who is the Early Years Lead and SENCO, with Nicola Glover as our Deputy Manager. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to one of us or email us direct on:
office@wisbechdaynursery.co.uk

This is a long newsletter but it is packed with useful information so we do appreciate you taking a few minutes to digest its contents!

Starting Nursery

Your child's key worker is always on hand to support any child who may find it difficult to separate from you to begin with. If a child finds it especially hard to separate, please discuss this your keyworker and we are happy to give further support with transitions.

If you would like to discuss something directly with your child's keyworker or with Sarah, It would be helpful if you make an appointment in advance via email so that staffing can be arranged to cover if necessary. To contact Sarah direct please email: sarah.vick@wisbechdaynursery.co.uk.

Tel: 01945 586966

Tel : Out of Hours 07775151116

Email: office@wisbechdaynursery.co.uk

Website: www.wisbechdaynursery.co.uk

Collection of children

If you need to inform us of a change of person collecting your child please let us know either when dropping your child off or telephoning the nursery on 01945 586966. For unfamiliar people collecting your child we will ask for the password from your child's registration pack.

First Day Absence Calls

It is important for Parents/Carers to report their child's absence to Nursery on the first day. It is important for your child's learning and development to have regular attendance in Nursery. Please report all absences on 01945 586966 or text 07775151116

Forest School

Forest School will begin at the start of term. Please speak to your child's keyworker to ask for your child's session time. Please ensure that you send your child in with clothing appropriate for the day's weather and with wellies if not already left on-site.

Nursery clothing

A little reminder that children need to have appropriate clothing at nursery to make everyone's life as comfortable as possible. A change of (named) clothing (plus nappies, wipes and bags if appropriate) should be brought in daily in a named bag or you can leave a bag on your child's peg.

During the winter months children should wear soft shoes indoors, slippers or plimsolls, or slip-on pumps are best. We encourage children to be as self-sufficient as possible, and they swap from indoor to outdoor shoes frequently, so the easier the change the better. Wellington boots need to be available at nursery each day and, where possible, it would be appreciated if you could leave a pair at nursery during the term.

If we have some warm autumn weather children will need their own sun hat and have sun-cream applied before coming to nursery or parents can pay £1.00 per term for us to apply Nursery Suncream which is **Boots Soltan - Kids, 8 hour protect**

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME EVERYTHING YOUR CHILD WEARS FOR NURSERY WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

We ask parents not to send their children to nursery in their best clothes. Nursery sweatshirts and polo shirts are available from www.myclothing.com to purchase. Uniform is optional, but we recommend uniform if you do not want to get your child's clothes stained.

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Contact details

Please keep us informed of your current contact details particularly mobile numbers. It is essential that whilst your child is at nursery someone is available to collect them in the event of an emergency. Please ensure if you are unavailable someone else is able to be contacted and collect your child

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads: Sarah Vick, Jasmin West, Nicola Glover and Lynn Clifton

As part of our policies we are unable to allow the use of mobile phones by either staff, students, visitors or parents when with the children. If you are here and need to make or take a call, please do so outside the front of the building. Please do support us in this and not put the staff in an awkward position of having to ask you to move or turn your phone off.

Please note that staff may not be 'friends' on social media with parents/carers of children registered at nursery. Please don't be offended if a member of staff has to 'de-friend' or decline an invitation, they are merely following the rules of the nursery.

Also, a quick reminder that if you take photos of your child at nursery, e.g at one of our events, these are for your personal use only. If you post on your Facebook page please do not include images of other children. We know all this seems formal and apologise, but we must abide by rules which are put in place to protect us all.

Nursery Building Work

To enable us to continue and improve the Outstanding nursery care that we provide, back in February 2019 we submitted our planning application to allow us to build 3 purpose built classrooms on our current site to relocate our Baby, Toddler and Lower Pre-School rooms. Building work was planned to start at the end of May 2019, unfortunately, this has been delayed while Archaeological investigation work is completed. This is nearing completion and we hope building work will commence in early Autumn 2019.

If you would like to see a copy of our plans please visit our website.

Car Park

Due to our building work starting in September, there may be some disruption with our parking, but please drive slowly into and out of the car park and take care when parking – keeping an eye out for little people!

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30 hour funded sessions

We are currently offering 30 hour places for children that are eligible for the 30 hours funding. To secure a place, you must have obtained the eligibility code. Without this we cannot offer your child the 30 hour funded sessions. The code lasts for 3 months and after this time it is the parent's responsibility to update it, if it is not updated or your circumstances change there is a grace period which allows your child to keep their place at nursery. This is for a short period only and if the parents have not updated their details then the child will lose the extra funded hours. All 3 and 4-year olds are entitled to the universal 15 hours. It is not the responsibility of the nursery to update and check eligibility so please apply as soon as possible as places are limited. We would encourage current parents who are claiming under the scheme to reconfirm eligibility before the 30th November.

Policies and Procedures

These are important documents and are available on our website www.wisbechdaynursery.co.uk – Policies, If you would like to see a paper copy of the policies please speak to Sarah.

Tapestry

We love reading what your children have been doing at home, please upload photographs for us to add to their learning journey. If you are unsure how to do this please speak to your child's keyworker and they can help you. If you do not have or have misplaced your Tapestry Login please email Sarah at office@wisbechdaynursery.co.uk and we will be able set-up your account.

Menu's

Our new Autumn / Winter menu's are displayed in the hallway. If you would like a copy please ask your child's keyworker.

PLEASE NOTE: GOVERNMENT FUNDED CHILDREN

If you child brings in a packed lunch, please ensure that you look at the Healthy Lunchbox guidelines <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> for ideas of healthy eating.

As a precaution against choking, please can you ensure that foods are cut into small pieces. It is essential for the safety of the children. So, items such as grapes, olives etc must be cut in half lengthways (or smaller), to make it easier for your children to bite into. The children are monitored during all meal times, but your help with this will assist staff, and children.

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Sickness

The Nursery is not the place for poorly children. If your child has been sick or had an upset tummy they must remain away from nursery for a minimum of 48 hours and not return until they have had a normal (for them) stool. We ask that children taking antibiotics should not be at nursery for the first 24 hours. Please ask us if you are unsure when your child should return to nursery after an illness.

Childhood immunisations

We ask if parents can keep their children off for the first 24 hours after have childhood immunisations to ensure they do not have any reactions to the medication.

Dates for your diaries

Photographs

We have invited Picture Perfect photography to nursery on the OCTOBER 15TH AND 16TH to take photos of the children in nursery. You are welcome to bring your child and/or their siblings in to have their photograph taken, but please pre-book a time slot with your child's keyworker. The photographs will be back in time for Christmas.

Macmillan coffee morning

We are having a coffee morning on FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 9.30-2pm at nursery. We would like to invite all our parents, carers and grandparents to come and join us for a natter and a nibble and to support the Macmillan cancer support. If anyone would like to bake anything for the coffee morning that would be gratefully appreciated.

Children in Need

To raise money for Children In Need, we will be holding a "pyjama day" Friday 15th November. Each child is asked to bring a voluntary contribution of 50p to Nursery to be donated to Children in Need

Finally, we would like to thank our families for your continued support of Wisbech Day Nursery. All the team enjoy working with our families, if have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's keyworker or Nursery Manager Sarah.

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<i>Term dates 2019 / 2020 for Government Funded Children – Free 2's and EYE</i>	Term Starts	Term Ends
Autumn term begins	Wednesday 4 September 2019	Friday 18 October 2019
Autumn half term	Saturday 19 October 2019	Sunday 27 October 2019
Autumn term continues	Tuesday 29 October 2019	Wednesday 18 December 2019
Christmas holiday	Thursday 19 December 2019	Sunday 5 January 2020
Spring term begins	Tuesday 7 January 2020	Thursday 13 February 2020
Spring half term	Saturday 15 February 2020	Sunday 23 February 2020
Spring term continues	Monday 24 February 2020	Wednesday 1 April 2020
Easter holiday	Thursday 2 April 2020	Sunday 19 April 2020
Summer term begins	Tuesday 21 April 2020	Friday 22 May 2020
Summer half term	Saturday 23 May 2020	Sunday 31 May 2020
Summer term continues	Monday 1 June 2020	Tuesday 21 July 2020

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