



SUNNYLANDS NURSERY SCHOOL SETTLING-IN NEWS SHEET

Interest: Settling-in Period
Theme: Routines in Nursery School

Dates for your Diary: Half-term
Holidays

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sunnylands Nursery School!

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 27TH
OCTOBER UNTIL FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
(INCLUSIVE). WE WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY
4TH NOVEMBER.



Thank you very much for your patience and understanding during these first few weeks of induction. Every month you will be able to view a News Sheet on the school website - www.sunnylandsnurseryschool.com - This News Sheet lets you know what the children will be learning in that month, and the specific themes and areas of learning that will be focused on. We will also keep you up to date with events that are happening in the school.

Settling-In

The Staff are working hard settling in all the children. There may be times when some children have an "off" day - remember we all suffer from these at times. Some children also take longer to settle than others and we should all show patience. Remember to try not to transfer your anxiety to your child - be positive about the pleasant experience they are going to have. Make sure your child is well rested and not unwell. Nursery is not for anyone who is unwell. (This applies throughout the year as well of course).

PARENT INTERVIEWS -

This month, parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's Class Teacher for an informal chat to discuss how their child is settling in to Nursery School.

Mrs Morrow:

- Thursday 2nd October (Returners only)
- Friday 17th October (New Children)

Mrs McQuillan:

- Friday 3rd October (Returners only)
- Thursday 16th October (New Children)

Interviews will last 15 minutes. We will allocate time slots and post these on Seesaw. If the date or time doesn't suit, please speak to your child's Class Teacher to arrange an alternative appointment or telephone call instead.

Seesaw

We hope you are enjoying using the Seesaw App to follow your child's learning in school and communicate with teachers. During school hours staff will try their best to reply to all messages as soon as they can. Messages sent outside of school hours will always be read but you may not get a reply until the next school day. Staff will reply to urgent messages as soon as possible.

Uniform

School sweatshirts are available to buy from the school office at £15 each.

As we are encouraging the children to be as independent as possible, please send them to school in sensible clothing that they can manage themselves, therefore no tight jeans with buttons and no laced shoes please. Please remember we have 26 children in each class - Velcro shoes are so much easier for the children and staff to manage!

As we like to get outside every day please make sure your child has a coat with them. We also ask that you bring in a pair of wellies that can be kept in school for the children to put on in wet weather conditions.

Please put your child's name on sweatshirts/coats/inside welly boots - you can imagine how difficult it is to sort sweatshirts out after dressing-up or in warmer weather. A simple pen on the label is all we ask or printed labels if you prefer.

HELPFUL HINT- Teach your child how to put on and take off their coat and their shoes/wellies themselves at home.

REMINDER: Each child needs a complete change of clothing in their school bag just in case of accidents.

Rhymes & Songs

We teach rhymes and songs every month. It's nice to be able to join in learning and singing the songs with your child at home.

Please don't worry - this is not Homework!!!

The children enjoy you knowing "their" special rhymes and songs and it's a lovely experience for you to have together.

We will post the Autumn and Halloween songs that we will be singing in class on Seesaw.



Artwork



Your children's artwork will be in their boxes in the cloakroom please take them home bring home and admire their beautiful work. Don't let them see you throwing it out! Keep some pieces to put away as a reminder of what they could do at the age of 3 & 4.

Snack

This year we are preparing our snacks ourselves, the children will be involved in cutting fruit, spreading butter and pouring their drinks. This is an important part of our curriculum and we encourage you to involve the children in activities like this at home. Our snack will be part of our Healthy Eating Programme and we will be encouraging all children to participate. For drinks, we will offer milk or water and we will let you know our food menu as soon as it is arranged.



Please remember Sunnylands Nursery School is a **NUT FREE ZONE** to ensure our School is free from allergens and keep our children safe.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND FOOD OF ANY KIND INTO SCHOOL

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

We would like to make you aware that we have children in our setting who have severe medical needs. While we have robust procedures in place and staff are fully trained to respond appropriately, we kindly ask for your support in helping us maintain a calm and safe environment for all children.

Please do **not send your child to school if they are unwell**, and ensure that **any illnesses are reported to the school** promptly.

Please be assured that the children's privacy and dignity are always respected, and this message is simply to raise awareness and encourage understanding within our nursery community.

Birthdays

In nursery we celebrate your child's birthday with a little party with all their friends. The school provides a birthday treat and our very special birthday cake for your child on the day of their birthday (or the nearest day to it if their birthday falls at a weekend). This means you do **not** need to send party bags etc. and all children are treated in the same way. Thank you for your co-operation.



School Fund - £4.00 per week

This year School Fund can either be paid in cash or on the SchoolMoney App. Your total School Fund for the year has been divided up into 9 monthly instalments from Week beginning 15th September to end of May with no payment required in June, to ensure that we have enough funds at the beginning of every month to buy the school snack. We have allowed for some flexibility so you can pay £4.00 weekly or pay for the whole term or year all at once if you prefer. Please speak to your Class Teacher if you have any problems signing in to the app and they can arrange for you to pay by cash or card in the school office.

School fund **must** be paid even if your child is **absent** but please speak to your class teacher if you have any concerns. As well as the children's snack and hygiene supplies, the fund will also help pay for visits from:

Wee Folk

Aldo the Magician

Hullabaloo Theatre

Wee Critters

Jo Jingles

The Gathering Drum

Jump, Jiggle and Jive

School Fund also covers Christmas, Birthday, Easter & end of year presents for your child, so you get great value for your money. If these funds are not paid in full we would be unable to provide all of the above.

In addition to paying School Fund, we would be very grateful if every family could donate **one box of tissues and one pump soap hand wash** to the School to help with everyday health and hygiene. Thank you.



School Dinners

Dinners will be starting for **Group 1** on Monday 29th September session will finish at 12.45pm.

Please note dinners will cost £2.50/day with a total of £12.50/week, an envelope will be placed in your child's box on a Friday to be paid **Monday morning of each week**. If your child is absent from school your dinner credit will carry over until the next week.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, please ensure you apply early, as your child's dinners will have to be paid for until we receive notification from the Education Authority. If you have any queries regarding Free School Meals please see Gwen in the Office.

Health & Safety

As we continue to prioritize the safety and well-being of our children, we kindly remind all parents and guardians to park safely and responsibly when dropping off and picking up your children. Please avoid parking in no parking zones or blocking driveways. Double parking can create dangerous situations for children and other drivers so we would ask you to ensure your vehicle is parked properly. Always be vigilant and drive slowly around school and be aware of children and parents walking to and from school. To ease congestion at the front of School parents and guardians can park in Sunningdale Crescent at the back of Nursery and use the path to access School. Your co-operation is essential in ensuring the safety of our children and we thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Parents and children **must not** walk through the staff car park in case of accidents.

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

JO JINGLES - THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER

(Classes as usual)

Music, Singing and Movement!

Jo Jingles will be in the nursery on Thursday 26th October for a session of fun and games to music - percussion instruments, nursery rhymes and action songs.



HALLOWEEN - FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER

(Classes as usual)

Children can dress up for our Halloween celebration, we are aware that some children don't like to dress up and they can wear their ordinary clothes. Please remember nothing too scary, as this can be frightening for some of the children not to mention the staff!!!



Children will perform some of the Halloween songs they have learnt at the end of the session and parents are welcome to join us.

Parents are invited to attend at 1pm - School will finish at 1.15pm

Child Protection

In line with our Child Protection Policy we would appreciate if you would kindly not use any mobile devices within the School premises.

As your child's safety is our highest priority, all visitors to the school must use the buzzer in the entrance hall and only enter the school building if told to do so by a member of staff. We will be posting some policy documentation for you to read and sign that you have read and understood it.

Important Information

Thank you for filling out all the documentation. If you haven't completed the forms, please return them as soon as possible. It is important that we have all the relevant information about your child and the correct contact numbers.

Please feel free to speak to your Class Teacher at any time (either formally or informally) if you have any concerns about your child.

Thank you all again for your co-operation during the settling-in period. We look forward to a happy year together and I have every confidence that this year will be a good one for you and your child.

Mrs S Morrow
Principal

