

# Sandbrook Nursery School

## Newsletter

October 2021

Colour of the month: Brown

The settling in process is going really well, we appreciate your time, effort and patience ensuring each child settles according to their need.

We will be using Seesaw and our school website for all information including information about the curricular work we are doing in class. Please check these regularly.

- The months of September and October are a settling in period for your child. Children become familiar with and recognise the following:-
  - Peers and members of staff
  - Acceptable behaviour
  - Their personal symbol
  - Routines e.g. snack time, free play, story time, quiet time, home time, washing hands
  - Managing independently at toilet time
  - Put on/help each other put on a coat at playground time.

The above promotes and encourages confidence, self-esteem, independence, courtesy and concern for others in the Nursery environment.

Each morning the classroom door will open at 8.45am Nursery 2 and 9.00am Nursery 1. All children must be supervised by the person leaving them into school as they enter the school playground.

Please be prompt with times.

**\*ONLY 1 ADULT PER CHILD\***

Please do not bring nursery children's prams into the playground, nursery children should be encouraged to walk into school and when collected. Prams cannot be left in nursery at any time.

Please do not bring bags to leave with the children. We cannot keep bags in nursery.

### Parking Matters

Our carpark is for staff parking only (Education Authority Guideline), please ensure you park outside the school grounds. Please ensure when parking outside that you are considerate to local residents and that areas are clear and safe for children coming to and leaving nursery.

### Naming of Sweat Shirts

Please make sure that your child's sweat-shirt is clearly marked with his/her name. With 52 children in school, it will be almost impossible to track down a lost sweat-shirt which is not labelled. The nursery provide school coats for all 52 children to use at outdoor play (children do not have access to their own coats throughout the day).

Allergies - Sandbrook Nursery is a nut-free zone. If your child eats nut products at home (e.g. Nutella, cereals, peanut butter, etc.) please ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly before coming to Nursery. The safety of our children is of the utmost importance. NO FOOD to be brought to school at any time. We are also not able to accept birthday cakes or sweets on your child's birthday because of other allergies in school. We will celebrate your child's birthday and they will receive a birthday certificate.

### Favourite Book

This year in nursery we are hoping to foster a real love and interest in books. Every Wednesday one child from each class will bring in their favourite book from home and share it with their friends; this will be read at story time. The list of dates for favourite books can be found on Seesaw. Please make a note of when it is your child's turn.

### School Photographer

School photographer will be in school to take individual photographs Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. NO family photographs will be taken on this occasion. If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have their photograph taken please email the school [sandbrooknursery20@gmail.com](mailto:sandbrooknursery20@gmail.com)

### Halloween Fun

At Halloween we will hold a fancy dress parade on Friday 22nd October. Children can come to school in their fancy dress clothes. Please remember sensible footwear and easy clothing for toileting! We would ask for a donation of £1 per child, all going to school funds. Children will finish early on that day. 11.15a.m. (N2) and 11.30a.m. (N1) **NO DINNERS**

## Important Dates

<b>Monday 4th October</b>	<b>School Photographer</b>
<b>Friday 8th October</b>	<b>Jump, jiggle and jive</b>
<b>Friday 22nd October</b>	<b>Fancy dress parade School finishes 11.15am (N2) 11.30a.m.(N1) NO DINNER</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd November</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>

We would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues and antibacterial wipes for the nursery. One box of tissues and one packet of wipes per child would make a huge difference.

Due to Safeguarding and Child Protection you cannot use your mobile phone on school property. If you do receive an urgent call that you need to take please move out of the playground away from the school building to take the call. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

School Fund Payment- £3.50 is due weekly on a MONDAY morning.  
School dinners are £2.50 per day to be paid on MONDAY.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Co-op Connsbrook Avenue who kindly donated fruit and bread for our snack we are very grateful.

## Reminder

- Morning: Doors open at 8.45am (N2) and 9.00a.m.(N1).
- Please continue to follow the rules in place to limit the spread of Covid-19. If you are waiting at the gate/in playground we would ask that you continue to allow a distance between you and others in the queue and that you wear a face covering.
- If you do arrive early/late either in the morning or the afternoon please remember that you will have to wait outside the gate until the other class " bubble " has gone into school and all the parents have left. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.
- If you wish to speak to one of the teachers please do not hold up the queue of parents waiting for drop-off or pick-up. If you have an issue which requires a longer chat we would ask that you phone or email the school and make an appointment to speak to the teacher.
- Only staff members are to open side gate. If you are late please buzz at main door and a staff member will then open side gate.
- Please ensure school fund/dinner envelopes are completed before dropping children at the door as this can cause congestion at the classroom and unsettle the children.