



## Monthly Newsletter - September 2024



Welcome to Kings Road Nursery School!

We are delighted to have you all join us and are looking forward to getting to know you and your children. At Kings Road, we aim to work closely with our families and it is important to us to build positive relationships with you - we have found our recent home visits really helpful in this regard, so thank you for having us!

As our settling in process begins, we will closely observe how the children are managing with the increasing session length and group size and let you know if any changes need to be made for your child's needs. Every child is different and our goal is always to make the start to nursery a positive one, so please do not worry if we have to tweak things slightly for your child. Here is a reminder of the settling in timetable for [blue room](#), and for [yellow room](#).

These early weeks are all about building relationships and learning routines. We will support the children in making new friends and becoming confident and happy in the nursery environment. We will be learning our new friend's names, talking about our likes and dislikes and enjoying familiar stories and songs.

We will also be discussing Autumn and looking out for signs of the change in season. Each class will have an 'Autumn Table' **which the children are welcome to bring items in for.**

During the month of September we shall be encouraging the children to talk about themselves, their families and their homes. **We would like each child to bring in a family photo to be displayed in the classroom** (please feel free to send this photograph via email if it is easier for you).

## Birthdays



In recent years, we have adapted our policy on birthday celebrations in nursery school. In the past, some children have brought in sweets or cakes to share with friends on their

special day, this was never compulsory and many families chose not to. Due to a wide variety of reasons, we will no longer accept birthday treats to be given out by the staff and we ask that you support this by not sending anything in.

Instead, we have a new exciting treat for the boys and girls....the birthday bears!

Whenever your child has a birthday they will get a special nursery teddy bear to take home for a sleepover in their house. We ask that you bring the bear back to nursery the next day so they are ready for the next birthday boy or girl. Don't worry if your child has already had their 4th birthday - we have a list of all the summer born children who will be getting birthday bear home for a night soon after they start nursery, for a belated celebration!

## Collecting your child from Nursery



Thank you for giving us a list of names of adults who will pick up your child from nursery. Despite gathering this information every year, we still often find ourselves in situations where an adult turns up to collect a child and they are not on the list. This is usually an auntie, uncle or neighbour that the parent has simply forgotten to let us know about. Nonetheless, we **never** let your child go with anyone who is not on the list - even if your child clearly knows them. So to avoid any upset or embarrassment, please ensure that your list is up to date and you have given us the name of everyone that might collect.

## Voluntary School Fund



Like many Nursery Schools, we invite parents to make a monthly voluntary contribution to our school fund. School fund is a payment that allows us to buy daily snack for the children, playdough ingredients, and it pays for all our visitor experiences. Unfortunately due to the continued underfunding of education settings in Northern Ireland, school fund is something schools rely on more and more each year.

We will shortly be sending out a school fund payment schedule. Unfortunately online payment apps tend to come with service fees that are unmanageable to a small school like ours. So if you would like to pay online, a bank transfer is very helpful to us - some parents choose to pay monthly by standing order and some pay in full at the start of the year. If you would prefer to pay by cash, then this is also fine.

School fund pays for a rich variety of resources and enhancements that **all** the children benefit from so we really appreciate your support, if you are able.

## Clothing and boots



A reminder that we ask you send a full change of clothes and a plastic bag into nursery for your child, to keep in their box. This is in case they get wet, muddy or have a toileting accident. **We also ask that you ensure all clothes belonging to your child are named, including school jumpers, shoes and coats to avoid any issues of lost items.** Also please remember to send a pair of wellies into nursery for your child.

We have limited storage space in Nursery so are unable to take rucksacks in and would ask that if you have bags to pass on to daycare/family members that you make alternative arrangements, wherever possible.

## Seesaw updates



Each week we will be updating your child's Seesaw journal with 1 or 2 photos or videos to give you a little idea of what they are up to in Nursery. Please do spend time looking at your child's Seesaw journal with them, as it is a lovely opportunity to chat about friends and experiences. Don't forget that you can add grandparents or other relatives to your child's Seesaw journal, so they can also enjoy these snapshots!

We also have a school [website](#) and a [facebook](#) page so please do have a look at those.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. We are so looking forward to getting started on our first term. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team if you have any queries or concerns about any aspect of school life.