



Settling In

As Head Teacher I'd just like to say.....

a big welcome to our new children and families and a big welcome back to our returning children and families. All the children have made a fantastic start to the year and it is so lovely to see all their eager faces when I open the door each day. If you ever have any questions or comments please feel free to come and see me.



The practitioners are spending time getting to know your child, helping them learn the routine, try different activities and begin to socialise with each other.

*Please make sure that you are on time for the start and end of your child's nursery session; so that you have chance to come into nursery and your child does not feel anxious about being rushed. Our morning session is **8.45 am to 11.45 am** and our afternoon session is **12.30 pm to 3.30 pm**. Please try not to miss the start or end of a session, this time adds up and will effect how much progress your child makes.*

Please turn over

Parent Engagement..... Sharing Sessions

There will be lots of opportunities across the year to get involved with your child's learning, both in Nursery and Little Explorers. I urge you to get involved because these sharing sessions will make a huge difference to your child's progress. We invite parents on an individual basis, rather than run general workshops for everyone. If you receive an invite to a sharing session it means that your child would really benefit from us working together in this area of their development.

Marvellous Me App.... Know more, feel involved and help save the trees!

All our future communications with parents will be sent through the Marvellous Me App. It is available free from any App store and can be used on any smart phone. This App is truly *marvellous*... your child's teacher will be able to send you information regarding your child's achievements, ideas to help at home, information such as news letters and reminders about key dates such as trips. You will be sent joining information shortly, so please ensure that you use your join up code to log into the app and start seeing what your child gets up to at nursery and what you will be able to talk about at home. If you have any questions or need more help downloading the app, please talk to us. Your child's codes can be used by both parents.



Family Story Stars

Please take the opportunity to take our books home and share them daily with your child. Hearing words and talking about the pictures will ensure that your child makes excellent progress in so many areas including language development, listening, attention and story knowledge. There are lots of ideas of how to share books on your child's Family Reading Stars bookmark. Collect a star stamp from your child's teacher each time you share a book. Once your bookmark is full, post it into the yellow postbox in reception to receive rewards at the end of each half term.








Maths Parties

We will be inviting parents to join their children for a Maths Party on 12th November for Debbie, Michelle and Sheila's group and 13th November for Natalie and Catherine's group. During this session we will be sharing lots of ideas on how you can support your child's mathematics at home.



Safety Notice

Please help us to keep you and your child safe when you are entering and exiting the site, in order to do this we ask that;

-  Once your child's teacher has handed them over to you keep hold of their hand as it is so easy to get lost in the crowd,
 -  Ensure that you close the gate behind you as you enter or exit the site, if your child did slip away from you this is the last barrier between them and the main road.
 -  Do not enter the staff carpark by car or foot,
 -  Outside nursery, **please park respectfully** of other road users, pedestrians and local residents. Some parents are struggling to get pushchairs through, when cars are parked half on the pavement. Also, please respect the yellow line markings.
 -  Please do not use mobile phones inside Nursery or Little Explorers
- Thank you for helping keeping us safe**

Attendance Hero's and Fairies

Each half term will give out attendance prizes, we offer these prizes as a reward for those children who reach at least 95% attendance each half term. If you think your child maybe feeling unwell please call nursery and we will advise you on what to do. High temperatures can often be treated with paracetamol and then children are well enough to come to nursery. Even with coughs and runny noses children are still well enough to attend. If we feel they are too unwell we would always ring you. The only exception is sickness and diarrhoea which are 48 hours clear before returning to nursery. Absence days whether due to illness, days out or holidays add up through the year and they have a **huge** impact on your child's learning and readiness for primary school.



Please ring if your child is going to be absent, its is a safeguarding procedure that we will ring emergency contacts to establish the reason why a child is missing from nursery. If absence falls below 95% you will receive a letter from the Head Teacher explaining the impact of the absence and maybe invited to an absence review meeting. Thank you for your continued support in getting your child to nursery and on time.

SCHOOL FUND

We strive to provide an exciting and rich curriculum at all times. To enable us to continue to do this we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 per week for Nursery and 50p per week for Little Explorers. Most people prefer to pay for the half term. There will be a letter to follow advising you of the amount due. School fund is used to buy cooking ingredients, birthday cakes, parties, entertainers, artists and many extra resources to support children's learning, both at home and nursery, so we would be grateful if you could support us with this.



Dates for your diary this term...

26th October	Celebration Family Group time: 11.00a.m. and 3.00p.m.
October Half term	Nursery & Little Explorers will CLOSE from Monday 29th October to 2nd November
12th & 13th November	Maths Parties (parent and child session)
30th November	Nursery and Little Explorers CLOSED for Teacher Training
10th December	Christmas Trip to see Santa (more details to follow shortly)
19th December	Nativity Play at St Gabriel's Church
21st December	Christmas parties, Nursery & Little Explorers closes at 11.00a.m. and 2.30p.m.
Christmas Holidays	Nursery and Little Explorers will close from 24th December to 4th January
25th February 2019	Nursery and Little Explorers CLOSED for Teacher Training
2nd May 2019	Nursery and Little Explorers CLOSED for Local Elections
3rd May 2019	Nursery and Little Explorers CLOSED for Teacher Training