

Batford Nursery School September 2016 Bulletin



A very warm welcome to Batford Nursery....

- We are delighted to welcome new and returning parents and carers to Batford Nursery for an exciting year full of learning and fun activities.
 - Welcome to our new members of Staff. Jenni Meeson is our new qualified teacher. Naomi Horn and Trisha McCrossen are new early years practitioners. All our staff work with all the children, which, along with our key person system supports teaching, learning and care throughout the day.
 - The staff are keen to build strong relationships with all of our families. Please feel free to talk to your Key person or any member of staff. If you need to speak to someone in confidence please talk to the teachers.
Sarah Hedges
Jenni Meeson
Dianne Williamson
 - This first half term will mainly be concentrated on settling in and getting to know the environment, the resources and their key person.
 - Children will be making friends and learning the rules and routines around the nursery.
 - There will be an opportunity for you to have a short consultation with your child's key person in October.
 - Please regularly check our planning board located in the corridor. Here you will be able to see the learning and activities planned for your children.
 - Please ensure you collect your children promptly. Doors open at 11.25 and 3.25 so that all children are collected by 11.30 and 3.30 when staff move to other duties or meetings.
 - Please ensure all clothing is suitable for play and independence (ideally uniform) and clearly label all items including shoes, with your child's name.
 - Your child will be able to choose a library book on a weekly basis and will bring it home in a plastic wallet. Please ensure they bring it back on their given library day to exchange it.
Monday - Purple
Tuesday - Yellow
Wednesday - Red
Thursday - Green
Friday - Orange
 - Please remember to bring some fruit in each week for the children to share on their given library day.
 - When the weather turns colder please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor play. If you have not yet provided a named pair of wellies for nursery school, we would appreciate if you could do so that your child can access all of the outdoor areas in all weathers.
- ## Communication
- Also, to ensure you are kept up to date, please regularly check your e-mail. The majority of school communications will come via e-mail. However there may be occasions when paper copies are given out. Please check your spam and e-clutter to ensure our communications arrive in your inbox. (Microsoft clutter can be disabled if you find that important information is landing there).
 - Please also check the website for up-to-date information.
www.batfordearlyyearscentre.org.uk

Themes & Special Events this Half Term

Themes

- All about me
- Autumn
- Harvest

26th Sept - Coffee Morning /Afternoon & Cake Sale

An informal opportunity to meet other parents and have a chat. All donations of cakes are welcome.

W/c 3rd & 10th Oct - Settling-in consultation

Parents invited to attend a 10 minute meeting with your child's Key person.

W/c 17th Oct - Harvest donations

Children bring in food to be distributed to the most needy in our community – list of food items to follow.

18th Oct - School Photos

Our school photographer will visit to take pictures of your children throughout the day. If you would like pictures taken of younger siblings as well, you will need to come in before your morning or afternoon session to ensure they are done first.

19th Oct - African Drumming

A visit from The Education Group to teach drumming and share stories with the children.

A few things to remember

Being creative in the nursery



- Please be aware that children are running, jumping and climbing in our beautiful garden. They are learning to be physical and independent and whilst the staff will try their very best to ensure that they do not hurt themselves, we ask that you send children in suitable footwear in order to minimize risk. Strappy sandals, crocs and healed boots etc can pose a risk in this situation.
- In our cloakroom areas, each child has their own named peg and a tray located underneath their pegs for creative work etc. These are shared with the opposite session. It is important to clear pegs and trays daily, so that the children in the next session have a place to hang their coats and a place for their creative work to be stored. Please share this information with any other adults collecting your child from nursery.
- Please help us ensure that good relationships with our neighbours are maintained by not obstructing local residents' driveways.

Holiday/ Sickness Absence

- Please let us know on the first day of absence as we are obliged to keep records.
- In cases of diarrhoea or sickness, we ask you to ensure your child is symptom free for 48 hours before they return to school. This is to ensure cases are kept to a minimum and that it is not passed on to other children or staff.

Finally.....

- Please do join us for Coffee on 26th September:-
 - Morning parents from 8.45– 9.45am
 - Afternoon parents from 12.30 -1.30pmCakes will be sold before, during and after sessions. Please drop off any donations before your child's nursery session.
- At this time of year it is common for children, even those who are quite reliable, to have toileting accidents or to get wet or dirty whilst playing. We would, therefore, appreciate any donations of outgrown clothes especially socks, pants and trousers.
- If you have any dressing up clothes or old shoes/hats for imaginative play we would appreciate them.
- Thank you once again and we look forward to the forthcoming term and all the exciting learning opportunities on offer.
- **Bafford Daycare have extended our provision from 7.30am to 6.00pm, for children aged 2-4 years old.**
- **We are also delighted to announce the opening of our new "Baby Room" from January 2017. Book now to avoid disappointment!**



Playing with the sand outside



Playing with friends in the playground