

# Batford Nursery School September 2017 Bulletin

A few things to remember



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.
- The staff are keen to build strong relationships with all of our families. Please feel free to talk to your Key Person and other members of staff. If you need to speak to someone in confidence, please talk to the teachers:  
Sarah Hedges  
Laura Butler  
Jenni Meeson
- This first half term children will focus on settling in and getting to know the environment, the resources and their key person. The staff will make initial assessments of the children.
- Children will be making friends and learning the expectations and routines around the nursery.
- There will be an opportunity for you to have a short 1:1 meeting in October.
- Please regularly check our planning board located in the library corridor. Here you will be able to see the learning activities planned for your children. You will also be able to see which room your child's key person is working in each week.
- Please ensure you collect your children promptly. Doors open 5 minutes before the end of sessions so that staff can move to other duties or meetings.
- Please ensure all clothing is suitable for play and independence (our uniform is ideal) 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 snack in each week for the children to share on their given library day. Fruit or veg to share is ideal but **no kiwi fruit** or foods containing **gelatin, wheat** or **nuts** please, as some children are allergic. If parents bring roughly what their own child might eat in a week, we usually share and have enough to go around.
- 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 in order that your child can access all of the outdoor areas in all weathers.

## Communication

- 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 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 and Facebook pages for up-to-date information.

[www.batfordearlyyearscentre.org.uk](http://www.batfordearlyyearscentre.org.uk)  
Facebook - [Batford Nursery School and Skylarks Day Care](#)

## Themes & Special Events this Half Term

### Themes

- **All about me**
- **Autumn**
- **Harvest**

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - Coffee Morning from 10.00am / Afternoon from 12.45**

*An informal opportunity for all parents and carers to get to know each other.*

### **W/c 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Consultations**

*Parents are invited to complete a questionnaire and attend a 10 minute meeting to share information and get a short verbal progress report.*

### **W/c 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest donations**

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

### **17<sup>th</sup> 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 photographed first - please be prepared to wait).*

### **18<sup>th</sup> Oct - African Drumming**

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



- 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 minimise risk. Strappy sandals, crocs and heeled 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. Children who attend for 5 mornings or 5 afternoons only share a peg with a child in the opposite session so please clear all their belongings daily to make room for the next session. Please share this information with any other adults collecting your child.

## Holiday/ Sickness Absence

- Please phone us 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.

## Batford Daycare

- Batford Daycare have extended our provision from 7.30am to 6.00pm, for children aged 0-4 years old.
- Please make appointments to view the setting and explore your childcare needs with either Jo or Rosemary.

## Parking

- Please help us ensure that good relationships with our neighbours are maintained by not obstructing local residents' driveways and by parking safely and legally around the nursery. Please, wherever possible, get children in and out of cars on the footpath side and train them to hold their adult's hand whilst outside the nursery. Drop off/pick up times are very busy and it is difficult for drivers to see small children who may suddenly appear from behind vehicles.

## Finally.....

- 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 boys/girls socks, pants and trousers.
- Please can you ensure you provide a pair of wellies which are named to keep in school at all times.
- Thank you once again and we look forward to the forthcoming term and all the exciting learning opportunities on offer.
- A big thank you to the 22 parents who have made their nursery donations. **Please do this as soon as possible to enable us to provide exciting enhancements to our curriculum.** (For example, the African drumming workshop costs over £6 per child) Please hand any money in at the office.

