



The Heathers Nursery NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

WE HAVE A PACKED NEWSLETTER
THIS MONTH WITH LOTS OF OUR
REGULAR REMINDERS AND SOME VERY
EXCITING NEWS TOO!

Firstly, we want to say how well the children have all settled into nursery, whether they have returned after the long lockdown break or if they are starting with us for the first time. We have noticed that the children are less anxious when coming into nursery with our new system of being dropped off at the gate each day and we think this is part of why they have all settled so well and so quickly.

OUR NEXT TOPIC IS... 'AUTUMN'

As the half term is already drawing to a close and our settling period is coming to an end, we move away from our topic of All About Me and into Autumn! We will send out an 'Autumn Treasure Hunt' for children to do over the half term break so please remember to keep checking your book bags for this and for the very important art work that makes its way home to you via the book bags.

Each child is given a book bag for free when they start so please remember to bring them every day your child attends.



WELCOME TO

Rebeca, Floriana, Laura, Benjamin, Ronnie, Elsie, Isla, Ebony, Rojfirat, Arlo, Alfie, Millie-Rose, Savannah, Daisy, Sophia, Bobby and Ziarah.

We hope you all enjoy your time with us!

BIRTHDAYS

Happy 4th Birthday

Luna, Rebeca, Floriana,
Jack and Quinn

Happy 3rd Birthday

Arlo and Alfie

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Stefanija on becoming a big sister to
Enjia Mai

SNACK

At the start of the year we asked for monetary donations to cover the cost of snack for children (We suggested £1.00 per week or £10.00 per term per child, which could be paid online or cash/cheque).

Sadly, to date we have only received £33.00! But to provide the healthy balanced snack of fruit, milk, bread, jam, cheese, crackers, breadsticks etc it costs us £20 or more each week and without your donations we are unable to sustain this long term. Providing food is not included in the government funding we receive, so we are reliant on donations.

We have reviewed our COVID policy and feel we are now able to accept store cupboard items such as crackers, rice cakes, tins of fruit, baked beans, tuna etc (Which we will quarantine prior to bringing into use within nursery. Unfortunately we are still unable to accept **fresh fruit or vegetables** due to the need to quarantine items brought into nursery.)

We are very grateful to receive any of the above donations and will also gladly accept don-nations of cleaning products such as antibacterial wipes and sprays, washing up liquid, toilet rolls, bleach etc.

We can only keep our FREE childcare totally FREE if each family can support us in some small way so please help us with donations.

REMINDERS

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Our Facebook page is a closed group for current families only so please request to join if you haven't already! During lockdown our Facebook page was a very welcome resource for all our families, staff and our committee which we will continue to update often with information. Search for: **The Heathers Nursery** and send a join request!

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please remember to socially distance while you wait at the gate, please be patient and please respect other families privacy if they need to speak to a member of staff.

LUNCHES

It is really important that your child's lunch box and drink bottle are named.

Remember, lunch boxes should only be plastic so

they can be fully washed each day.

Remember, to open items and reseal them before you place them in the lunch box!

(A copy of our lunch guidelines have been attached with the email containing this newsletter.



CLOTHING

Now that Autumn is here, please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing with



them such as warm coats, hats and gloves, wellie-boots or shoes. We do play outside in all weathers!!

NAME EVERYTHING

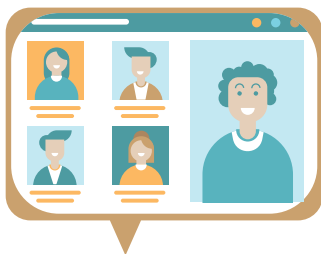
As always please name EVERYTHING. My own boy started high school this term and on day 3 his £30.00 blazer went missing. I faced the very real prospect of having to buy another blazer but thankfully because it had a name tag inside, the blazer was handed in to reception the next day. We are only human so can't always remember which child had which hat, coat or glove when there are so many children attending nursery.



NAME EVERYTHING

AGM

As a charity we legally have to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year to sign off our annual accounts and elect our management committee.



Without a committee elected by parents we aren't allowed to open. With the COVID situation we can't hold our usual AGM at nursery but we can do an online one!

Our AGM is scheduled for Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm

and we'd love as many of you as possible to join us – you won't need to have your camera on so you can be in your PJ's if you want to! The Zoom invitation and the meeting paperwork will be emailed out later this month.

EXCITING NEWS! EXCITING NEWS!

Some of you will have noticed that our old sunken sandpit has been removed and a new paved area has taken its place. We have a new sandpit on order along with a waterwall, ride on toys, maths resources and bike helmets all of which are being delivered very soon.

We received a donation from one of our families via their Freemasons Lodge and we've been approached by Broadland District Council to join their new charity lottery and one of our committee members has asked for items we would like bought for us by her family's company, Mr Plastic.



We are always grateful to be considered for donations as it means we can continually invest in nursery resources.



Our fundraising also helps to provide items for the children. Recently, we have been very limited on fundraising opportunities due to COVID but our current committee are working hard on ideas for the Christmas period - watch this space!

SAVING THE BEST TILL LAST...



Finally, the best news we've ever given in our newsletter – after almost 4 years of fundraising nursery will have brand new tables and chairs delivered on Thursday 29th October ready for the start of the new half term on Monday 2nd November! 48 chairs and 8 tables!

We would like to thank every family who has supported our fundraising over the years and hope that our current families will continue to support us.

THANK YOU

TALK TO US

PLEASE

HI!

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What to do if you have concerns or questions...

If you have any concerns about nursery at any time please let us know in any way you feel comfortable whether that's via email, a phone call with your key person, **Karen** or **Debbie**.

This ensures we can deal with concerns as soon as they are raised. Please don't leave a concern unspoken or wait until a questionnaire comes out or the end of term to let us know.

email: theheathersnursery@outlook.com
or call: **01603 485371**

REPORTING ABSENCE

Please remember to contact us in the morning when your child is absent from nursery. We have a legal duty to ensure each child is accounted for and will call you if we have not heard from you by 9.15am.



We now have the option of **text messaging** and **WhatsApp** available to you so that you can message us with absence.

The number is: **07515 820544**

T: 01603 485371

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