

# Washwood Heath Nursery School Autumn Term Newsletter 2022



## Warm Welcome

We would like to give a warm welcome to all our new children and their families. The children are settling well into school life. The children are building relationships, making friends and learning new routines.

If you have any concerns please speak to your child's key worker

### Getting Ready for Colder Weather

Can parents make sure that their child comes in warm clothing. Please bring them in a warm coat with a hood. They will also need a woolly hat, gloves, mittens and a scarf as it gets colder.



We go out in all weather conditions so that the children still gain different experiences.



### **Spare clothes**

Please bring in a spare set of clothes as children can get wet. We also encourage our children to be involved in messy play activities and encourage parents to please send children in clothes that they will not mind their child getting dirty in, as it is all part of their learning and development!!!

**Labelling Children's Clothes:** Please label your child's clothes especially coats as many children have the same or similar.



**Tapestry** will now be used as one of the main forms of communication between staff and parents as well as for us to add observations about learning. We ask that you please check your child's account EVERYDAY for any updates. When you read a new message or observation please click on 'like' so we can see you have read it.

We also love to see what the children enjoy doing at home so please feel free to add photos and observations yourselves.

If you can't log on please call to speak to your child's keyworker.

## Safeguarding information

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child within our school please speak to one of our DSL (Designating Safeguarding Lead)

**Designating Safeguarding Lead - Valerie Daniel**

**Deputy Designating Safeguarding Leads - Jatinder Kaur, Sanam Parveen or Sadia Akhtar**

## Attendance



School Morning Sessions are **8.15am or 9.00am to 11.45 am**  
School Afternoon Sessions are **12.30pm to 4.00pm or (3.00pm if agreed with keyworker)**

**Nursery 1** (upstairs) Afternoon Sessions are **12.30pm to 3.00 or 4.00pm**  
**30 hours Sessions are 9.00am to 3.00 pm**

**The gates will remain open for 10 minutes upon drop off and collection times.**

**Please note that parents will be charged a late fee of £5.00 for every 15 minutes that they are late to pick up.**

It is important for your child to attend sessions everyday, however if they are unwell please ring the office School on: **0121 464 1810**

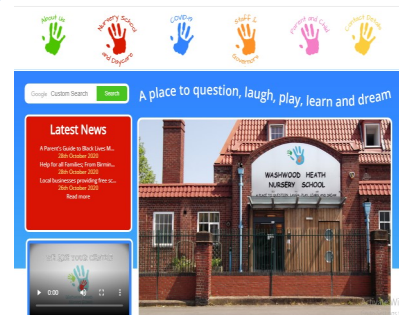
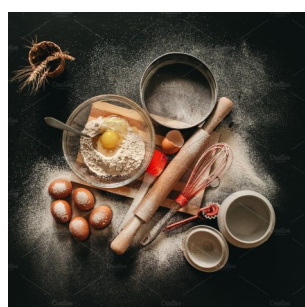
## School Fund



The Governors and staff at Washwood Heath Nursery are continually looking at ways to develop and improve the school and we are proud of the welcoming and stimulating learning environment that we

provide for our children. Unfortunately we have seen a reduction in Government funding over the last few years and we no longer have the funding to pay for resources that enrich the children's learning environment and extra-curricular activities. We are asking parents for a weekly contribution of £1 or for this half term £7 please.

We will use this to provide ingredients for baking, materials for creative play, seeds to plant and props for role play as well as Forest School resources.

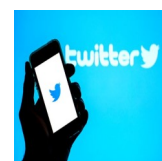


## **School website**

Please check our website regularly for any updates, as well as all information regarding our school

[https://  
www.washwoodheathnursery.co.uk/](https://www.washwoodheathnursery.co.uk/)

Please send one piece of fruit to nursery with your child every week so that we can share it together at snack time.



Follow us on Twitter

<https://twitter.com/WWHNursery>

## Dates for the Diary

**Lola Workshops Week beginning 10th October** (Please speak to your Child key worker about Library visit date for your child)

**Parent Consultations Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October**



**Autumn Fest Thursday 20th October 10am-2.00pm** More details to follow!

**Harvest Festival Collection of Dried and tinned food donations only from 10th October. All donations will go to local food bank.**

**Half Term Monday 24th to Friday 28th October**



**World Nursery Rhyme Week 14th November**

**Thursday 17th November: Children In Need Pajama Day and £1 donation**



### **Reception Class Application**

If you haven't yet applied for a school place for your child please do this immediately. The closing date is **15th January 2021**. You can apply by using the link below.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/1786/apply\\_for\\_reception\\_primary\\_school/3](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school/3)

If you need help completing the online form, you can call reception on **0121 464 1810** and make an appointment with Jatinder or Sanam who will be happy to help.



Our ref: AA/JT/Oct2022

October 2022

Parent/Carer of

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2023**

I am writing to you because I understand that your child is able to start school soon. By law, parents/carers must ensure that their child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. In Birmingham, however, your child can go to school in the September after his or her fourth birthday.

We would ask you to visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and submit an online application from 1 October 2022 and by **15 January 2023** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary Admission Arrangements 2023' Information prior to submitting your application. In addition to this, most schools will hold open sessions where parents can talk to teachers or view the school's own prospectus etc. Please visit your preferred school's website for further details.

Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted. Those online applicants who have not provided an email address will not receive an acknowledgement, so it is very important that you include an email address. If you have not received an acknowledgement by 15 January 2023, then you should call Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 to confirm that your application has been received.

Online applicants that submit their application with a valid email address will be sent an offer by email on 17 April 2023. Parents/carers that submitted an online application without a valid email address will be sent an offer letter by first class post which should arrive from 17 April 2023 and should be delivered by the end of that week. Finally, please remember, you do not need to have the internet at home. You can apply online from any device with internet access or if you are able from a computer whilst at work.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 where staff will be pleased to offer their assistance.

Yours sincerely,

*Alan Michell*

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Head of Schools Admissions, Attendance, Exclusions and Pupil Tracking