

The Oak Tree Pre-School Newsletter

September 2019



We would like to warmly welcome our new children and families to the nursery. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer and we look forward to sharing with you all our upcoming events.

Autumn is one of the most enjoyable seasons in nursery life as we look forward to celebrating Halloween, fireworks, Diwali and of course Christmas. Not to mention the autumnal walks, hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Fire Brigade Visit

Wimbledon Fire Brigade will be visiting the nursery on Tuesday 22nd October. Both Toddler and Preschool children will be able to explore the fire Engine, speak to the fire fighters and try on their equipment and apparatus.

Nursery Improvements

The bathrooms and Preschool room have now been fully painted and are looking so much fresher, cleaner and brighter. To continue our renovation works we are in the process of replacing the fence panels in the back garden with larger 6-foot panels for extra privacy and security.

Wellingtons and Slippers

Although we have AstroTurf in our back garden, we have a large sandpit and mud kitchen area that the children explore daily, not to mention our weekly trips to the field and walks around the local area. We therefore ask you to provide the children with a pair of wellingtons that can stay at nursery permanently and a pair of indoor shoes (slippers ideally with grips)



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Parent evenings and visits.

We know how busy some parents are and we only get to say a quick hi and bye most days, although children bring their creations home, we would very much like you to come in and see your children's work on the displays in the classrooms, garden and reception area. We would like to invite you to an informal evening where you can see the classroom, look through the children's learning journey and speak with your child's key person to see how the children are developing and progressing and discuss how we move forward.

Halloween week

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November Is Halloween week, we will be making lots of creepy creations, experimenting with lotions and potions and making and tasting terrific or possibly terrible treats. We will finish off our spooky week with a Fancy-Dress Halloween party on Thursday 31st October.

Parent and child questionnaires.

We kindly ask you take just a few minutes to fill in our questionnaire. You can either do this online or you will have received a paper copy this week. We want to work closely with you to ensure your child has the best possible nursery experience. We thank you in advance.

PICTURE GALLERY: REPTILES



Autumn Menu.

We would like to thank all the parents who took the time-sharing menu ideas and recipes with us. We look forward to the new menu starting on Monday 30th September 2019.

Please make sure you update your child's dietary requirements in writing on a regular basis.

Spare clothes

All children need to have at least two spare changes of clothes, including underwear.

Nursery uniform at Oaktree is compulsory, this is for safety reasons and also provides the children with a sense of belonging.

Classroom Newsletters

Beginning October both Toddlers and Preschool rooms will be sending out their own 8 weekly newsletters to just the children in their room. This will contain photographs of the children taking part in activities in the classroom, contain photographs of classroom displays and inform you of our planning and learning that has been taking place over the last 8 weeks. It will also remind you of upcoming events or items that may be needed in the classroom.

Extra-curricular classes

- Pedro visits on Tuesdays for Multi sports
- Sean visits us on Wednesday for singing and dancing
- Danny visits on Thursdays for Tennis lessons

We alternate these days every 3 months so that all children get to benefit from each activity.

The multi sports and Tennis take place on the field or in the garden but we are also going to be hiring the hall opposite to ensure the children not to miss out in the winter months due to bad weather.

Preschool children are trialing new computer lessons, from this month. We will keep you posted on how successful they are.

You should have all separately received emails about Family, and the Parent Questionnaires.

If you have not received these emails please let Annabel or Joanna know.

Christmas Closure.

Last day of nursery will be Monday 23rd December we will return in the new year on Thursday 2nd January.

Best wishes,

Clare and the Oak Tree Team

Staff Training

The nursery will be closed on Friday 11th October and Friday 1st November 2019 for staff training. All staff will be attending:

- Social Interaction
- Getting ready for Ofsted changes
- Assessing children's progress

We will share the outcomes with you in our next newsletter.