

SUNNYLANDS NURSERY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER NEWS SHEET

Interest: Settling-in Period

Theme: Routines in Nursery School

Topic: Ladybirds

Dear Parents

The Staff are working hard settling in all the children. There may be times when some children have an "off" day - remember we all suffer from these at times. Some children also take longer to settle than others and we should all show patience. Remember to try not to transfer your anxiety to your child - be positive about the pleasant experience they are going to have.

Make sure your child is well rested and not unwell. Nursery is not for anyone who is unwell. (This applies throughout the year as well of course).

This year we have children with peanut allergies so we must ensure the school is a nut free environment. We would be very grateful for your co-operation in this matter.

Your child will bring home pictures and paintings. These can be found in the children's cloakrooms. Admire their work. Don't let them see you throwing it out! Keep some pieces to put away as a reminder of what they could do at the age of 3 & 4.



The children at this stage are really just enjoying spreading the paint over the page, in most cases anyway. Messing can be fun! Please don't dress your child in clothes you would not like to get paint on. We do encourage the children to be careful and responsible when painting etc., but we also want them to enjoy the experience and the odd accident may sometimes occur. Remember to keep a change of clothes in school and keep replenishing it.

Notice Board

Although every parent is given a copy of our news sheets, if you should misplace yours please look at our notice board in the porch where you will find a copy of recent notes. Monthly news sheets, poems, events and holidays can also be found on our school website.

www.sunnylandsnurseryschool.com

Rhymes & Songs

We teach rhymes and songs every month and copies of these are given to you. The children enjoy you knowing 'their' special rhymes and songs and it's a lovely experience for you to have together.

Sweatshirts

Please put name on sweatshirts - you can imagine how difficult it is to sort sweatshirts out after dressing-up or in warmer weather. A simple pen on the label is all we ask or printed labels if you prefer.

School Fund - £3.00 weekly beginning Monday 13 September.

School Fund is £3.00 per week and is paid to your child's class teacher on Mondays. The fund pays for your child's snack which will be starting on 13 September. You may pay for the month or term if you find this more convenient. It is £9 for September or £21 until the Halloween Holidays (beg 28 October). **Unfortunately we can only accept cash not cheques for the fund.**

Our snacks are made up at central kitchens in Sunnylands Primary School and we take part in the Healthy Eating Programme. We will let you know our menu as soon as it is arranged.

School fund **must** be paid even if your child is **absent** as the snack is pre-ordered.

The fund also helps pay for the following:

Visits from:

Exploris Aquarium
Belfast Zoo
Banyan Theatre Co.
Puppet Show
Magician
Jo Jingles
Wild Life Trust
Hullabaloo Theatre and many more!

It also covers Christmas, Birthday, Easter & end of year presents for your child so you see you get great value for your money. If these funds are not paid in full we would be unable to provide all of the above.

Birthdays

So that each child feels special on his/her birthday we have a Birthday tin for your child on the day of the birthday or the nearest day to it if the birthday falls at a weekend.

This tin is filled with sweets and these are distributed during story time. It has candles on it which are blown out etc. This means you do **not** need to send cakes/buns or party bags etc. and all children are treated in the same way. Thank you for your co-operation.



Parents

If you have a job or hobby that might interest our children e.g Fireman, AA Man, Ambulance Man, Nurse etc. and would be able to come along and talk about it, please let us know. It would be great if you could share it with us.



School Entrance

Please note arriving and leaving school to use the pedestrian entrance. Parents and children **must not** walk through the car park in case of accidents. Thank you.

Parking

Please note the car park is for Staff Parking and deliveries only. We would be grateful if you did not block the car park entrance.

The residents of Sunnylands Avenue would be very grateful if parents would not park on the grass. An alternative for parking at busy times is Sunningdale Crescent at the back of the school and use the two paths at either side.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Please feel free to speak to your class teacher at any time (either formally or informally) if you have any concerns about your child.

We look forward to a happy year together and I have every confidence that this year will be a good one for you and your child.

J Davison (Mrs)
Principal

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