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Nursery News October 2020

Message from the Head of Federation

Hello All

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all for working extremely hard to keep our Nursery Community safe during the current pandemic. Thank you for wearing masks at the school gates and for following the two - metre social distance rule between households. It is important that we follow the current government guidance to reduce the risk of transmission. As the colder weather starts to come upon us please make sure you and your children wrap up warm as you arrive and collect from nursery.

We really can't believe that October is upon us already! It has been wonderful watching the children this week explore and further their knowledge of shape. They are spotting all the shapes in their nursery environment! On the 21st October we have a teacher training day scheduled in and Nursery will be closed for all. Staff will be having updated training on the Early Help Model and on Prevent training. Please click on the link for further information on prevent <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/prevent/>

I hope you have a good half term, keep safe and we look forward to welcoming the children back on the 2nd November.

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Some reminders:

- At nursery , we encourage the children to eat healthy snacks such as milk, water, fruit and vegetables. We would like to do the same at lunch time and attached with this newsletter is a poster with suggestions of healthy lunch options to give you some extra ideas of the kind of things you can send in for children, which can include a small treat such as a biscuit bar.
- Can we please ask that all children have appropriate clothes, footwear and a suitable coat for the colder weather. Also, can you please ensure that all items of clothing are named.
- Please can we ask that you collect your child on time as we have staggered start and finish time to avoid bubbles mixing, and it is quite a tight turn—around between groups. We also find that children get upset if their friends are all collected and they have to wait -it feels like a long time when you're little . If any of the 30 hour parents are struggling to make it for 2.45pm, we do offer an option to buy an extra 45 minutes until 3.30pm. Please telephone or email Kate or Sue in the office if this is something you would be interested in.
- We welcome nursery contributions, we ask for a weekly donation of £1.50, or if you wish to pay for the term, please call the school office and they can advise the amount. All payments must be through the bank, we are no longer allowed to accept cash. Our account details are: Account No: 38951760 Sort Code No: 30-94-93 please quote your child's name on the transaction, followed by the letters NF. **We do really appreciate receiving these contributions as this goes towards purchasing snack as snack cannot be donated by parents anymore, due to COVID.**

Keeping Everyone Safe - Some reminders:

- Please close all gates and doors behind you. This is to keep all of our children safe.
- Please remember to wear face masks at the school gate , when dropping off and picking up your children from nursery
- Please do not park on the yellow zig zags outside Nursery. If the fire engine needs to attend an emergency to save a life and your car is in the way, they will move it by whatever means available!
- Please let us know, by phoning the Nursery if someone else will be collecting your child. Remember, we will not let your child go with someone we don't know or haven't been told is collecting your child. Passwords must be used.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21 October	-	Teacher Training Day : Nursery Closed this day
Monday 26th October	-	Nursery closed : October Half Term Week
Monday 2nd November	-	All children back at Nursery
Friday 13th November	-	Children in Need - Dress up
Monday 14th December	-	All parent/carer Consultation week (Virtually/Phone call)
Friday 18th December	-	Last day before children break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January	-	Teacher Training Day : Nursery Closed this day
Tuesday 5th January	-	Nursery opens and children back in

Please do let us know if your child is going to be absent from Nursery School - whether it is because of illness, family circumstances or holiday. Call **01827 713116** and leave an absence message or tell the reception staff.

Regular school attendance is important for the children to make relationships and learn. However, young children do become poorly, especially at this time of year, so please keep them at home if they are unwell. Thank you very much to everyone for co-operating in letting us know when your child can not attend. We are very grateful for the phone calls and messages.

Remember—with vomiting sickness and diarrhoea please give a clear 48 hours before sending your child back to nursery. Thank you.



Important contact details

Atherstone Nursery School:
01827 713116

Email: admin1000@welearn365.com

Website: www.atherstonenurseryschool.com

Please have a look and like our Nursery Facebook page to receive information on the children's learning experiences.

Facebook - Atherstone Maintained Nursery School and Warwickshire Teaching School.

IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS: THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE AND RADIO STATIONS WILL BROADCAST SCHOOL CLOSURES: www.warwickshire.gov.uk
Free Radio 97 & 102.9 FM BBC **Radio Coventry & Warwickshire 94.8 103.7 & 104 FM**

Nursery

Welcome, and welcome back to all our families, new and existing,

We have all enjoyed welcoming and settling your children into nursery, under such different circumstances and we are very grateful for your understanding and support. The children's confidence has grown so much as they settle into the routine, begin to understand the rules in nursery and why we have them, linking in with promoting the rule of law and respecting others from the Fundamental British Values, which we hope to continue through also promoting empathy.

The children have enjoyed exploring the nursery environment, having lots of fun, particularly in the mud, water and paint. It's fantastic to see them starting to show an interest in what other children do and begin to form friendships. The children have had so much fun in the rainy weather too, and it has been good to let them spend as much time as possible outdoors. We appreciate you sending them in waterproof coats and sturdy shoes or boots so they can continue to do this as the weather is becoming colder, especially considering current Government guidance around Covid 19.

During this half term, we have been looking at colours and shape with the children, linked around the story of "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see" and around looking at familiar shapes in the environment. You can find the story being read aloud on You Tube if you want to share it with your children at home. As we move into the season of Autumn, the children are noticing the changes it is bringing in our garden. We are beginning to look at autumnal resources and have leaves, pine cones, acorns and conkers for the children to incorporate into their play, throughout nursery. We have been sharing the story "We're going on a Bear Hunt" this week (also available on You Tube as a read along story, or animated film.) and are hoping to take the children in small groups into our forest area next week to experience Autumn in the woods for themselves. We will also look at Pumpkins, cutting, carving and scooping and read the story "Pumpkin Soup"

We are enjoying our parent consultation time with you all, and being able to catch up on how the start of this important year has been and letting you know how our children have settled in. We really value our relationship with you, as when we work together, we can achieve the best for our children. Although we aren't able to see you in person as much as we are able to do, we are only a phone call or email away if you need to get in touch with us.

After half term, we will be thinking about Dark and Light, as the clocks have gone back, and thinking about Celebrations such as Bonfire Night and Diwali, which both happen in November, and also Christmas. We look forward to learning more about Autumn and then beginning to think about Winter. We will be looking at stories such as "the Gruffalo" and "Stickman" as well as exploring the story of the Nativity and talking about Santa Claus. We would love to see pictures of any Half Term adventures you may go on. Please feel free to forward them to admin1000@welearn365.com.

Bags Of Fun -You may remember that during lock down and over the summer holidays we gave the children activities to do and save them in their bags. Could I please ask you to send the bags back after half term, we will quarantine them and then have a look at what your children put in their bags.

We wish you all a wonderful, fun filled half term holiday and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 2nd November, ready to hear all about the adventures you have had at home.

Take care,

Sharon, Carole and the staff team.

Hello Atherstone Nursery Families,

Should you require any Family Support, or would like help with boundaries, routines, finances, mental health, housing or any other issue, then please feel free to make an appointment at my 'Drop In By Appointment' sessions on Friday 23rd October between 11 and 3.30. We can have a face to face chat and I will do what I can to help.'

Contact Details:

Email: Charles.b@welearn365.com

Mobile: 07833 288959 call or text.

Landline 01827 713116



Parent Information

Warwickshire's Family Information Service provides support, advice and one-to-one support for families, parents, carers and professionals on a variety of issues including family relationships, housing, parenting support, childcare, health and wellbeing and much more.'

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/familyinfoservice>

There is also a great Triple P Positive Parenting Programme online course running from 9.30-11am on Fridays for 6 weeks starting 6th November. To sign up go to the link below and follow <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/adultlearning> click 'Find a course' then 'Family learning'

Covid Symptoms — What to look out for:-

To help keep your child and our nursery community safe, your child should not come to school if:

- They are feeling unwell or are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms (If in doubt, book a test. If positive, isolate for 10 days from start of symptoms)
- They have tested positive for coronavirus and are within the 10 day isolation period
- They are sharing a household or support bubble with someone with symptoms (person with symptoms to be tested, if negative can return to usual activities; if positive, you must isolate for 14 days from last contact)
- They have been advised by the NHS test and trace service to self-isolate or aware they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (isolate for 14 days from last contact)

They have returned from abroad and government guidance states they need to quarantine for 14 days

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. In children, less common, but frequently reported, symptoms also include:
 - Muscle pain
 - Fatigue
 - Diarrhoea and digestive problems

Of course, some of these symptoms are not unusual in younger children at any time, but it is important to be extra-vigilant and not send your child to nursery if you are in any doubt.

If you are unsure, please just call us for advice.