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Nursery News January 2021

Message from the Head of Federation

Hello All

What a few weeks it has been! Thank you for all your support in keeping our school community as safe as we can and reducing the risk of transmission of COVID. It has been so sad to hear the news each evening this week that the number of people dying from COVID has increased. The R rating for our area is currently remains high at a rate of 356 positive cases per 100,000 people. I look forward to a day when this number decreases. We continue to have staff, parents, and children who are self-isolating with symptoms or are unwell, however, this week we have not had a staff member or child test positive and

You are all making a huge difference in following the governments guidance of staying home if you can and following the hands, face and space campaign. Here is a website link for more information <https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/Hands-Face-Space/>

For our families who are accessing remote learning your child's keyworker will continue to check in weekly with you by phone call. We have added many resources to the remote learning page on our website. <https://www.atherstonenurseryschool.com/> It is on the parent's tab and in the Spring 2021 remote learning folder. Please keep emailing in your wonderful home learning photographs and films.

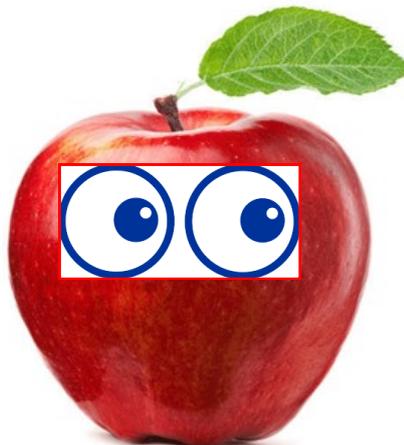
We have received many donations this week towards our snack fund and nursery fund - thank you so much - your donation really makes a difference.

Please all continue to stay staff - we will get through lockdown together.

Nicci

**Snack
Fund Target
£1,200**

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



**Snack
Fund so
far:
£273**

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15-19th February 2021	Half Term Week
Monday 22nd February 2021	Children return to Nursery
Friday 2nd April- 16th 2021	Easter Holidays
Monday 19th April 2021	Children return to Nursery
Monday 3rd May 2021	May Day Bank Holiday

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.

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, on our website under newsletters 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.
- Can we please ask that you hand over your children to their group leader one at a time at the gate, and not let them run in through the gate. This allows us to be sure about whose on site and that hands have been sanitised on arrival at Nursery.

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**

Butterfly Nursery News

WELCOME BACK TO THE SPRING TERM.

We hope you were all able to have a lovely, relaxing Christmas. It's a new year and a new term! However, we are now back to a lockdown situation that sees face to face learning for some children and remote learning for children at home. This will continue on a weekly basis and we will link with you weekly to see if your situation has changed. Thank you for continuing to adapt to all our new ways to keep our school community safe. We really appreciate that you take extra care and consideration for others.

We have enjoyed hearing about Christmas from the children attending nursery and from the children we have spoken to via our phone calls to families accessing remote-learning. After hoping for snow throughout the holidays we finally had a little, along with lots of frost, which sparked lots of excitement and experimenting. We have loved looking at the frosty spider webs everywhere in nursery and the pictures we have received from our children at home, have shown they found some amazing ones too.

This term we will be learning about **size, understanding and using positional language** such as in, on, under, over, through and next to, **understanding our feelings** a little more, to help us manage them better and looking at **similarities and differences between us all** which links in to all aspects of our British Values. Understanding that we are all connected in some way and the differences we have are ok too, leading to the foundations of respect and tolerance for each other.

Physical exercise and being outdoors is so important for us all, from a physical viewpoint but also for our mental wellbeing too. Taking a break and to just breathe in the outdoors, being able to be in the moment, noticing the little things, is a real grounding and relaxing experience and something you can share with your child. Use your senses to notice 5 things you can see, 4 things you can touch, 3 things you can hear, 2 things you can smell and 1 thing you can taste, to really bring you into the "now" for a few minutes.

Our children have been so good at **noticing the world around them** and how it has been changing over the academic year, so we will continue to look at our outdoor environments and the effects the **Winter season** brings, with some discovery and experimentation opportunities, such as ice exploration, tapping in to their curiosity. All our children do love being outdoors, running, playing games, building with big blocks, riding bikes, chalking, small world play, really using their gross motor skills/big movements. Building on those big movements helps strengthen important muscle groups, which will then lead to development of good fine motor skills/smaller, more refined and controlled movements. We will continue to build on these movements, through play and exercise, teaching children the importance of keeping fit and also encourage children to notice the effect exercise has on their bodies.

These focus points of learning will be incorporated in both nursery and home learning over the course of this term. We hope to achieve this through stories and setting up activities that follow children's interests. We will be starting with the story of the *Gruffalo's Child*, focusing on size, categorising objects by item, size and colour, counting 1:1 to and recognising numerals initially to three, so children understand the 'Threeness of three', what three actually means, and then beyond.



The weather is a lot colder and children still like to be outdoors, so we ask that your child wears a few layers rather than one big layer such as a big jumper, so when they are inside and feel warm, they can take off the top layers to adapt to the different environments, in nursery. It's also great for helping children understand what to do when they feel hot and further develop their independence and self-help skills with dressing and undressing, encouraging a real 'have a go' and 'can do' attitude in our children. Also, please ensure your child has suitable outdoor wear and foot wear - it can be quite wet and muddy at times. Thank you, your support is really appreciated.

For our parents/carers at home, thank you so much for your emails of the amazing things you are doing, we appreciate that home life, again, has changed and we have really loved to see what our children have been up to at home and catching up with you via phone calls. Your photographs truly bring a big smile and help us feel connected. Thank you so much! We just ask that any emails sent in have the subject of your child's name, that would be a huge help to our Admin Team. Thank you. We look forward to staying in touch via weekly phone calls, to enable us to keep connected to you and to support you through these unprecedented times.



We hope you all remember to stay local and stay safe!
We are thinking of you all! You are amazing!!

The Nursery Staff Team!

Caterpillar Nursery News

Happy new year everyone!

It has been good to connect with our families who are at home accessing remote learning and to our families who are in school. It has been important to follow the guidance of staying at home if you can - thank you for your support in doing this.

We have begun to settle our new children into nursery. The older children have been amazing role models, helping their new friends through the routine of the day. They have been showing them how to sit nicely during circle time, helping them find their pegs to hang their coats and chatting together during snack time. This term we are exploring 'winter'. We have been talking about the cold weather, looking for signs that 'Jack Frost' has been and making marks with sticks on frosty surfaces in the garden. We have been doing lots of running around to keep warm, playing tag and hide and seek. Indoors we have explored ice cubes and cornflower in a large tray. Building little houses for our artic small world animals by stacking the ice cubes. It was SO COLD!!!! At circle time we have been singing 'I'm a little snow man' If you would like to sing this at home the lyrics are on our website with the home learning information.

It has been wonderful to connect with our families at home. If there is anything you would like to add to the remote learning please let us know.

We would love to hear what your child is saying about winter at home.

Lisa, Debbie, Elly and Kate



Barbara Charles, Family Support and Pastoral Manager

I am still able to meet with you for one to one socially distanced discussions on site at Nursery in our outside meeting space.

Contact me to book.
Take care and stay safe,
Best wishes,
Barb.

Barbara Charles, Family Support and Pastoral Manager

Contact Details:

Email: Charles.b@welearn365.com

Mobile: 07833 288959 call or text.

Landline 01827 713116

Parents/Carers, please remember the

Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

-that you have all read and agreed to during induction

Please be **kind, respectful** and **polite** to staff at the gates.

Staff are following new **Government Protocol** and guidance from **Public Health England** to keep your children and staff as safe as we possibly can throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic.

- There will be times when we have to ask questions.
- There will be times when we ask you to wait whilst asking for guidance from Senior Leaders.
 - There will be times when we need a second opinion as the guidance changes daily.
 - Please be patient. This is for everyone's safety.

Thank you for helping us- you **really make a difference in keeping our nursery community safe.**



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 10 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 10days from last contact)

They have returned from abroad and government guidance states they need to quarantine for 10 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.