

# Acorns Nursery

## Newsletter

Autumn Term

### Our Nursery and Celebrations

Welcome to All Saints Nursery!

Each term you will receive a newsletter letting you know some of the things your child will be learning and how we teach in the Early Years Foundation Stage. We hope you find them helpful.

We currently have four members of staff in Nursery. Mrs. Cutmore is the nursery teacher; she works every morning. Miss D is the nursery nurse; she works every morning. Mrs. Osborne is a teaching assistant; she works Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Rose is a teaching assistant; she works Mondays and Tuesdays.

Over the next few weeks, as we get to know your children, we will be completing a baseline assessment of where the children are now, and we will use this to plan activities that will interest and challenge them. We will be continually observing the children and recording observations on the Tapestry assessment tool. You should have received your own login so that you can see these observations, comment on them and add your own pictures about the things that your children do whilst not at nursery. Please let us know if you have any problems setting your account up.

For the first half term, the topics will include: Our Nursery, Our School, Nursery Rhymes, Our Families, *The Three Little Pigs*.

Teaching during the first few weeks of nursery will be focussed on helping the children to settle into the routine of the morning, how to use the classroom and the outside areas and how to tidy up again! We will be teaching them how to ask for

help if they need it, how to be kind to each other and how to share. We will be encouraging them to sit for short periods of time whilst having their snack, joining in some songs or practising their counting.

After the half term holiday, our topics will include Bonfire Night, Autumn, Shapes, Birthdays, The Nativity Story and Christmas.

By this time the children will be used to their morning routine and will be able to enjoy a wider range of activities and teaching sessions. We hope that they will be beginning to show interest in the topics and talking about them at home.

**Forest school** will be on a **Friday** and will begin in a couple of weeks. Each week, we will be getting on our wellies and our waterproofs and having exciting adventures that will encourage us to explore the environment using our senses. We will go out every week whatever the weather (unless there is a storm!) so please ensure your child always has a coat with them.

For **phonics** we will be following the Twinkl scheme of work. In nursery, our teaching will be focussed on level 1. The seven strands of level 1 are: environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds, oral blending and segmenting. These skills will be integrated into the daily routine and will also be incorporated into some of our direct teaching sessions. There will be a parents information session on this later in the term.

Our direct **teaching sessions** will cover a range of subjects including ones linked to our topics (e.g. investigating the differences between straw, wood and bricks or looking at photos of fireworks). They will also cover maths-based activities (e.g. ordering items from smallest to largest or matching numbers to a group of items). Some sessions will be book focussed: discussing the story line and learning new vocabulary. Other sessions will be used to help us practise skills such as putting on wellies, how to use masking tape and scissors, how to be a helpful friend or how to stand in a line.

Once we are ready, we will begin our weekly **PE sessions** on a Tuesday morning. These sessions will be focussed on being able to move around safely in a different space and being able to follow instructions. As the term progresses, we will move onto using a ball for throwing and kicking and how to climb safely but imaginatively, over different apparatus.

A few things to remember:

Please do come and chat to us if you have any concerns (no matter how small). You can speak to us at drop off or collection. For a longer appointment, please contact the office to arrange for a telephone or face to face meeting.

Parents' evening will be during the week beginning the 13th October. We can use these meetings to discuss how your child is settling in and how they are progressing.

If your child is unable to attend nursery for any reason, please telephone the office before 9am on the morning to let them know. If you arrive late, you will need to go to the office to sign in and a member of staff will collect your child from there.

**Tuesdays** are **PE** day so please send your child to school in shorts/leggings/joggers, a T-shirt, trainers and a sweatshirt if it is cold.

**Fridays** are **forest school** day so please bring a coat that you don't mind getting dirty or that is easily washable. We provide waterproof trousers for the children to wear.

Please bring a named water bottle, a named waterproof coat, named wellies (leave at school) and a bag with a **full change of clothes** (leave at school).

We are really looking forward to working with you and your children and enjoying all the adventures that the term ahead will bring.

Many Thanks,

The Nursery Team

