

Baylis Court Nursery School Newsletter

November 2021



Dear parents and carers

We hope your children are enjoying time at nursery. The children are quite settled and there is a lot of laughter around! Thank you for your continued support for our response to 'managing Covid-19 transmissions in schools' letter sent out earlier this week. Please ask for a copy from a member of staff if you have not seen one.

In addition to events and dates contained in this newsletter, I wish to let you know of some staff changes after Christmas this year.

Staff Leaving End of Autumn Term 2021

I shall be leaving my post as head teacher at the end of December after nearly 17 years in the role and 22 years in total working for Baylis Court Nursery School. I have had a fantastic journey with the staff team working with the children and families in our community. Many of you I know having seen a number of your children pass through our nursery over the years! Whether I have known you a short time or long time, I will miss you and your children.

The governors have appointed a new head teacher for the spring and summer terms 2022. Her name is Mrs. Gill and she has tremendous experience working with nursery age children and their families in a similar setting to our nursery here in Slough. She is looking forward to starting in January 2022. As part of getting familiar with the new position, children, families and staff she will be working with us on Fridays up to the end of term. She will be available to talk to on these days (and maybe some other days) when you drop off and collect your children. So please come and say hello!

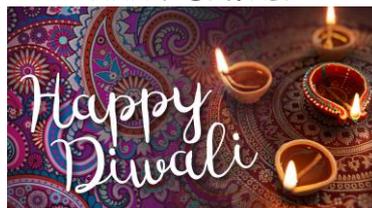
Two other staff will be leaving at Christmas: Miss O'Brien, class teacher for Duck Group and Mrs. Blackmun who is an early year's practitioner, also for Duck group. Miss O'Brien has worked as a nursery teacher here for just over 22 years. She is also the Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator for the whole nursery, supporting practice for many children with additional needs in this time.

Mrs. Blackmun has worked at Baylis Court Nursery School as an early year's practitioner for over 25 years.

Both Miss O'Brien and Mrs. Blackmun have worked with many children and families over the years whilst here. They will both miss working with the children and yourselves.

I will let you know of staffing arrangements for January 2022 onwards at a later date.

HAPPY DIWALI



The Diwali festival falls on Thursday 4th November. We wish all our children and families who will be celebrating on this day a very happy Diwali. We will be having Diwali celebrations with the children on Friday 5th November in their classrooms.

(As mentioned in my letter earlier this week, we have introduced enhanced measures following East Berkshire Public Health guidance in response to local covid-19 infection rates. We will not be holding a whole school assembly to celebrate Diwali with parents and children in the main hall this year. Let's hope for better times next year).

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FIRE ALARM - PARENT ASSEMBLY POINT

On the very rare occasion the fire alarm sounds at the moment when you are dropping off or collecting your child to nursery, you will not be allowed into the building. We request that you leave the site and gather on the green adjacent to Waterbeach Road whilst we evacuate children and adults already in the building to our site fire assembly point. When all checks and procedures have been undertaken, you will then be allowed on site to collect your child.



PARENT MAIL Nursery to Home Text Message Service: Please don't forget to register for the text messaging service if you have not done so already. This has been a very useful way of keeping parents and carers informed about meetings and other events at nursery. If you have not received a message asking you register for the service please let Mrs. Fleming know in the office and we will do our best to help you out.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL FUND

I would like to remind you all that we collect voluntary school fund of £1 every Monday. This contributes towards activities such as children's fruit for snack time, cooking activities and short trips out of school. If you would like we can accept £7-00 payable at the beginning of each half term. This would cover contributions for your child for the whole of that half term.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER



Friday 19th November is also the BBC Children in Need Day. We aim to raise some money for very worthwhile children's charities. The theme we have adopted for this year is SPOTS.

To help raise money please send your child to nursery wearing clothes which may have a spotty pattern or maybe use face paints to paint spots on your child (Ask your child first!).

Please provide a small donation of £1.00. The staff will be joining in too!

Thank you for your support.

DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2021

Tuesday 2 nd November.....	Children return to nursery
Thursday 4 th November.....	Diwali Festival
Friday 5 th November.....	Diwali Festival celebration for children only in their classrooms
Friday 19 th November.....	BBC Children in Need - fundraising throughout the day for this national cause
Monday 6 th December.....	Duck Group parent/carer day
Tuesday 7 th December.....	Frog Group parent / carer day
Wednesday 8 th December.....	Butterfly Group parent / carer day
Thursday 9 th December.....	Dragonfly parent/carer day
Friday 17 th December.....	Last day of term
Monday 20 th December 2021 - Tuesday 4 th January 2022 Christmas Holidays	
Wednesday 5 th January Children return to nursery. Happy New Year!	

Thank you for your continued support and help.

Best wishes

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