



Otley Under Fives Newsletter



Autumn Term Part 2 2023

Hello Everyone,

Wow, how quick this half term has come and gone. I can hardly believe next week will be the half term holidays!

We have had a lovely term so far, all the children settled back in so quickly and have made some strong friendships! Their personalities are growing and each day they are learning more and more. We have been laying the foundations for school down with our starter phonics. All the children have enjoyed this and taken part, and we shall continue this throughout the academic year.

Our Dino teddy has made it to a few houses and has loved every moment of it. He has a new house at nursery where we can print and stick all your lovely photos to. If your child has not had a visit yet, please don't worry we have a list, and everyone will get a turn.

Please can I remind all who collect that mobile phones, photography and recording technology must be kept in your pockets or bags on collection and in the nursery and school ground. This is for safeguarding. If you do need to use your phone, please can you do this before or after you are on the premises. Thank you!

Guarding Gathering. Don't forget our Halloween party coming up on Tuesday the 31st of October, from 2-3. All guardians and children are welcome. There will be a party snack, music, and activities for the children. If you are not booked in, please feel free to come along, there will be a £1 charge for anyone not booked to help pay towards the snack and activities. And of course, fancy dress is encouraged!

Clothing. With the cold weather here please can I remind parents and guardians to pack their children warm winter coats, winter hats, and warm clothing.

With Christmas coming up you may be thinking of having a sort out of your toys at home, or already have some you no longer need. As a charity run nursery, we happily accept donations of toys or items you no longer need. If you have anything you'd like to donate, please feel free to speak to management and they will be able to let you know what we do and do not need.

We would like to introduce you to our new staff member Grace! She will be starting with us just before half term, replacing Claire who has left due to personal circumstances. Please feel free to say hello to Grace and I'm sure you will all give her a very warm welcome to our team.

Hot Lunches

We have a revised Autumn Menu for the next half term.

This will be sent as a separate attachment with the newsletter email.

Hot lunches are £2.75 per child per meal. If you do wish for your child to have a hot lunch, please let us know at least 1 week before. This charge will be added to your invoice.

Parents Evening.

Thank you all who came and spoke to your key person about your child. If anyone missed out or if you would like a catch up at any point, please let your key worker know and they can book something in with Cathy.

Funding

If your child will turn 3 this term, they will receive 15-hour funding after the Christmas holidays, starting in January. We also offer 30-hour funding so please do check if you are eligible by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

You can also check to see if you are eligible for 2 year funding by following this link www.suffolk.gov.uk/two

We part of the tax-free childcare scheme. Please apply for this by visiting <http://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

We also accept childcare vouchers.

Also for those going to school next year, please remember to start looking into the primary schools of your choice as the closing date for your preferences is January 2024. If you need extra information on how to do this please speak to Cathy.

Reminders

Please see a list of things that all children will need each day at nursery:

- Winter/Raincoat
- Empty Drinks Bottle
- Weather appropriate shoes
- Multiple Spare Clothes
- Nappies, Wipes, Cream (if required)
- Slippers / Indoor Shoes (for grip / warmth)

Please can these items be labelled.

Our term re-starts on Tuesday the 31st of October, we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best regards and Many Thanks from Cathy and all the Team at Otley Under Fives.

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