



Otley Under Fives Newsletter



Autumn Term 1 – Sept 2024

We are back!!

I hope you all had a lovely summer, and we are all very excited to welcome you back. We have been very busy over the holidays revamping the room, updating the key areas and trying to create a calmer environment for all the children. We would like to welcome all our new starters as well, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

AGM

As you all know we are a committee run nursery and without the committee we would be unable to open. The annual general meeting is coming up and all parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. You can hear about the running of the nursery and join the committee if you wish. There are all sorts of positions, and any help is welcomed. This will be on **Monday the 23rd of September at 8pm, held at the nursery.**

Colour of the week.

We will be introducing a colour of the week for all children to participate in. A poster will be in the lobby, and we would love for your child to participate. This could be from wearing the coloured clothing, to bringing in a colour toy to show us all or taking pictures of things you find when you are out and adding it to Tapestry. All ideas will be great.

Daily Theme

Messy Monday * Try it Tuesday * Wildlife Wednesday * Tuneful Thursday * Fitness Friday

Our daily theme returns. We will be basing fun activities for all children to join in with, changing them each week. Please ask staff for more information for the particular day.

Reminders

Can I please take this time to remind everyone about the gate security. Please please make sure it is completely shut when coming in and leaving. Can we also make sure EVERYTHING is labelled with your child's name. And lastly please can we remember weather appropriate items such as suncreams, wellies and full waterproofs. We love our garden and it is truly beneficial for children to go out in all weathers.

Thank you.

Hot Lunches

Hot lunches are still £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 a month in advance or on the next months for any additional lunches.

As before all meals are home made by staff on the day. Our refreshed menu for the new term is now available!!

Dates for you diary.

4th Sept – Welcome Back

10th Oct – World Mental Health Day

14th Oct – Recycle Week

Thurs 24th Oct – Halloween Party 1.30pm

28th Oct / 3rd Nov – Half term

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 are 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.

To see what options you may be eligible for please visit:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Reminders

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

- Raincoat/Sunhat
- Empty Drinks Bottle
- Weather appropriate shoes
- **Multiple** Spare Clothes (underwear, tops, bottoms etc)
- Nappies, Wipes, Cream (if required)
- Slippers / Indoor Shoes (for grip / warmth)

Please can make sure all these items be labelled.

Kindest regards

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