

wingate nursery school newsletter

ISSUE 1

Welcome; to all parents, ahead of the new academic year 2024 – 25!

A newsletter will be sent out to you every 3 or 4 weeks, containing information and dates that you will need to take note of. This newsletter will become our main form of communication with families, rather than through an app or text. Every issue will also be presented on the parent information noticeboards on the wall above the children's tags. Please feel free to take a photo of it.



INFORMATION TO ALL:

Your children will be in one of our family groups, with a key person. You should all know which group your child is in and who their teacher is. This 'key person' will be the one you have daily contact with – to share information and pass on messages etc. This will usually be done at drop off times at the beginning of the day/session.

There is so much to tell you about the way we do things in our school and there'll be things we need to learn about from you, so the beginning of term will be quite busy, as we all get to know each other. Please bear with us!

TIMETABLES FOR THE DIFFERENT SITES

All children will be based at the main school site for the first few weeks. We have included a timetable on the back of this newsletter. Please keep it safe to ensure you know which site to take your child to.

DON'T FORGET!

You all gave us a password on your admission form. Please make sure that if you ask a family member or friend to collect your child from nursery, they **MUST** know the password. As part of our safeguarding policy, we will not allow any child to go home with someone who doesn't know it.

CHILDREN'S TAGS

Each child has their own colour coded nametag hanging on hooks as you arrive through the garden gate. These are used to teach phonics to children and used to help them form the letters correctly to write their name. They are also used to register attendance, so please encourage your child to look for theirs every day to give to their teacher.

LEARNING DURING FIRST FEW WEEKS OF TERM

All staff will be spending time settling the children into life at nursery, supporting them to make new friends and becoming independent of their families. Once staff feel the children are settled and happy in school, the teaching and learning of our curriculum will begin. (You can read more about our creative curriculum on the school website. Google wingate community nursery school and you will find lots of interesting information on there for families.)

In a nutshell, staff focus on teaching the basics of all the learning spaces and the equipment/resources available, so that ultimately, children can access these more purposefully as time goes on. So, for example, in the studio, we teach children how to mix paint, work with clay, join and attach etc. In the children's kitchen, we teach them how to interpret a simple recipe, select the ingredients, weigh and mix etc. In the block area, we teach children how to carry big, heavy blocks and how best to stack, what the names of the 3D shapes are etc. At the drawing table, we teach children how to copy their name tag and write their name, as well as supporting them with choosing colours for a purpose when drawing a picture.

There is an abundance of skills and techniques, knowledge and vocabulary to teach that all this becomes our focus for planning in the Autumn term, alongside supporting children with life skills such as getting along with others.

We will also be planning to introduce children to the seasons and natural world and will be focusing on the changes we see in autumn. Look out for more information about this in **ISSUE 2**.

KEY MESSAGES:

- please arrive at nursery on time (8.30 – 8.45am or 12.30 – 12.45pm)
- please don't be late to pick your child up at the end of the session, so as not to incur a late fee.
- It is your responsibility to inform the school office if your child is absent, providing the reason – ringing on 01429 838206 or texting the school mobile 07437 335733.
- Snack payments for 15hr children need to be paid either in cash on the gate on a Monday (in a mini envelope with your child's name on it) or via a standing order, as discussed with school admin.
- Lunch payments for 30hr children need to be set up via a monthly standing order, as agreed with school admin. It is your responsibility to set this up so that the first payment comes out on the 1st, starting in September. The equal payments will run for 10 months.

The timetable below will take us up to the October half term break.

Please note that:

- the 2nd and 3rd of September are Teacher Training Days, so no children are in school then
- the 4th, 5th and 6th September are only for 'the returning children' (the January '24 and April '24 starters)
- yellow and orange groups 'merge' into one group when they're at the outdoor sites (we might call them the "oranges and lemons"

AUTUMN '24	COTTAGE	ALLOTMENT	SCHOOL SITE			
SITE LEADS	Adele	Beata	Nichola			
04 - 06 sept						
09 - 13 sept						
16 - 20 sept						
23 - 27 sept						
	START OUTDOOR SITES					
30 - 04 oct				allotment	cottage	
07 - 11 oct			allotment		cottage	
14 - 18 oct			cottage			allotment
21 - 25 oct			cottage		allotment	

REMINDERS ABOUT THE OUTDOOR SITES:

- Please drop off and pick up from the outdoor site - not the school site
- Please dress your child appropriately for all weathers (Autumn & Winter list to the right)
- Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle filled with fresh water every day (not juice or milk)
- Please be prepared for MUD! (a bin liner for the car seat and a trug/bucket to put their boots in are advisable!)
- Please don't wash the suit very often. The best advice we give is to hang it somewhere warm to dry overnight and brush the mud off now and again!

outdoor kit list

- base layer/ thermals
- warm, waterproof suit
- warm, cosy hat
- mittens/gloves
- sturdy boots
- thick, warm socks



A REMINDER ABOUT THE SCHOOL RUCKSACK/BAG

All new children starting in September will need to bring £8 on their visit day, to buy the school bags from us. They will have your child's name on. This bag is for you to send in spare clothes so that they can change into clean, dry ones, should they become wet. If you could also pop a carrier bag in the rucksack, we can try to make sure their wet things go in there.

Please don't send any toys, or food and drink into school (apart from a water bottle filled with fresh water when based at the outdoor sites)

please park sensibly!

Unfortunately, our school is a tight site, with barely any parking for staff or parents.

Please park with consideration and care - thinking of pedestrians, residents and the community as a whole.



- Please don't park in the small staff car park beside the monument
- Please don't double park and block other people in
- Please don't park on the double yellow lines alongside the school building