

Newsletter October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Most of the children have settled well and are enjoying their nursery and pre-school experiences.

We would very much appreciate it if you could respond to the questionnaire that we have sent out concerning your experiences and thoughts about how we have worked with you to help your child settle in to pre-school or nursery.

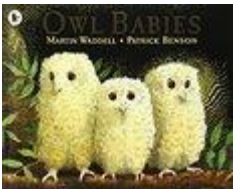
We are closed next week for our half term holiday and look forward to seeing the children when they return on Monday 31st October. Please also see the important dates below.

Children's Centre

The Children's Centre is open during the half term holiday for Autumn Fun Stay and Play on Wednesday 26th October, 1.30- 3.00pm, for. This is for 0-4 year olds and their siblings up to the age of 8.

Do you want your child to do well at school?

All parents want the best for their child. By sharing books with your child you will inspire a love of reading and give them a flying start in life. Bookstart has an excellent website that will give you lots of ideas about reading with your child. It also has some popular picture books that are now available to read and play on smartphones and tablets. Follow the link below to see the range of interactive books and rhymes. Children in nursery have enjoyed the Owl Babies story which they have on the Bookstart website.



Follow the link to <http://www.bookstart.org.uk/> and click on 'Games and Stories.'

Pre-school Learning Journals

The learning journals for the children in Pre-school will be available for parent's to look at in Acorns room on Monday 21st October at 12.30pm and on Tuesday 1st November at 8.45am. Please come and join Catherine and Gemma when you have dropped your child off in Pre-school.

Nursery Learning Journals

During the week beginning Monday 31st October parents are invited to spend some time in nursery with their child so that they can share their learning journal. The journals will be available at the beginning and end of each nursery session.

'Magic Moments'

We would like you to tell us about your child's learning at home so that it can be included in their learning journal. 'Magic Moments' slips are available in school for you to tell us what they have learnt or about something new that they have experienced. Alternatively please send an email with your comments and/or a photograph to nurserymagicmoments@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk. We would appreciate it if you can limit the number of photographs that you send to one or two.

Nursery Parent Consultation

During the week beginning Monday 7th November appointments will be available to meet with your child's key person to discuss your child's progress. Appointment times will be available on a 'first come first served basis' from Monday 31st October in the entrance area outside the school office.

Clothing

Please can you label or write your child's name in the clothes that they are likely to take off in Nursery or Pre-school. It is especially important that coats, hats, jumpers and footwear are named. This really helps staff as they can spend a lot of time sorting out which clothes belong to which child.

School Uniform Sale

We are selling old uniform stock at reduced prices. Most of the uniform available is in larger sizes. Please see Lorraine in the school office if you are interested.

Older Children Arriving at Collection Time

We love to see the older brothers and sisters of our children at the end of sessions. However please can parents ensure that the children stay with them and do not use the garden equipment as this is dangerous without a member of staff to supervise them.

Mobile Phones

At Arlesdene we ask that mobile phones are not used within the building or garden areas where children are present. This is because it is important that your child has your attention at drop off and collection times. It is also important because of the increase in camera phones. There are some children, who for various reasons must not have their picture shared on the internet. By preventing the use of mobile phones we know that we are helping to keep children safe. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for supporting the safety of our children.

Important E-Safety Information

More and more 2-4 year olds are using their parents' computers, smartphones or tablets to play games, use apps, and watch their favourite TV shows. There are simple things you can do to make sure they are using the internet safely. For more information please go to <http://www.internetmatters.org/> If you go to the 'Advice' tab at the top of the page and choose 'Pre-school (0-5).' There are some excellent resources that parents can use to keep their child safe online such as guidance on setting parental controls and filters.

Diary dates

All Week	24 th - 28 th October	October Half Term – Closed
Friday	04 th November 2016	Individual Photos
All Week	31 st – 4 th Nov 2016	Parents to book an appointment for consultation
All Week	7 th – 11 th Nov 2016	Nursery Parents Consultation
Friday	18 th November 2016	Children in Need Day
Friday	2 nd December 2016	Nursery Children to visit Cheshunt Free Church
Monday	5 th December 2016	Occasional Day Nursery and Pre-school – Closed
Friday	9 th December 2016	Nursery Children Nativity play at Cheshunt Free Church
Saturday	10 th December 2016	Pre-school Parents Consultation
Tuesday	13 th December 2016	Nursery Christmas Workshop
Wednesday	21 st December 2016 Last Day of Term	Nursery party morning only session for children Pre-school party morning and afternoon