



CIPPENHAM NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the nursery. The staff have all been very impressed at how the children have settled in to school life and we will continue to work in partnership with you to provide the best education for your child.

PUNCTUALITY:



Please make every effort to arrive on time when dropping off and picking up your child so that he / she can take full advantage of the learning opportunities. Persistent lateness will have an impact on how well your child learns.

Once we return from the October half term, all late arrivals will be asked to wait until 9:00am and must sign in at the office before being allowed into class so not to disturb the direct teaching time from 08:30am - 09:00am.

Just a reminder that the gate will open at 08:30am and close at 8.40am for the morning sessions, and open again at 12:30pm and close at 12.40pm for the afternoon sessions.

ILLNESS:



Please report all absences before 08:45am and 12:45pm by calling the office on 01628 661 506, emailing office@cns.slough.sch.uk or leaving a message on the Xpressions app. Please always state your child's name, class and reason for absence to include symptoms, follow up will be taken for any absences logged as "unwell".

NO USE OF MOBILE PHONES:



The Nursery is a **NO PHONE ZONE**. Please greet your child with a **SMILE**, NOT A **MOBILE**. Ask them about their day and tell them about yours, supporting your child's speaking and listening skills.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: MONEY MONDAYS



Thank you to parents who have donated a term's contribution. Alternatively, weekly contributions of £2 can be placed in the money box provided in each classroom. May we remind parents who prefer to donate termly that a term's contribution is £24 and can be made at the Office. Your donations help towards resources for the children, e.g., fruit at snack time and educational visits (farm etc).

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR:



Please ensure your children's clothes and shoes are clearly marked with their name. This is important to avoid confusion as some children have identical coats/jackets etc. Please do not send children to Nursery in high heels or sandals. They are playing with garden equipment and climbing on apparatus and need well-fitting footwear that provides support.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION APP:



Thank you to those parents who have already downloaded the App; this is free to download and free to send messages each way. We would encourage all parents to do so, ready for our next communication. The App is called **Groupcall Xpressions**. Once you have downloaded the App please log in with your email address to activate it.

Please also remember to download and set up your **Tapestry** account. Here you will find pictures and journals of your child's learning in Nursery. We also welcome feedback and love to hear and see what your child is exploring at home. Please pop in to see our friendly office staff if you need any help logging in.

NURSERY'S MACMILLAN DAY:



On **Thursday 28th September 2023** we will be hosting our annual Macmillan coffee day and cake sale to raise money for charity. The cake sale will be open at the beginning and end of each session and the Olive room will be serving tea/coffee. For those going through cancer, the support of a MacMillan Nurse is a life line both for themselves and their families. We are asking for donations of cakes and/or savoury (samosas, sausage rolls) items to be brought in from Monday 18th September 2023 and placed on the trolley at drop off or collection times. Thank you for your continuing support!

HARVEST FESTIVAL



We will be celebrating Harvest Festival w/b **Monday 16th October 2023**. This is a very special festival as we give thanks to the land for providing us with food, as well as the farmers. This year, we will be collecting items for the families at Cippenham Nursery and any surplus will be donated to Slough Food Bank. With increasing living costs and the effects of the global pandemic, many families struggle to provide the basic necessities. Our collection will start from Monday 9th October 2023. A donations trolley will be available at the beginning and end of each session. Thanking you all in advance.

Mrs Nisha Gill
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary:

Meet the teacher's coffee: 3 rd blue room, 4 th green room, 5 th red room October 2023
October half term: Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October 2023
Term starts: Monday 30 th October 2023
End of term: Friday 15 th December 2023 - Christmas Party times adjusted to: 8:30am - 10:30am and 11:00am - 1:00pm
Christmas Holidays: Monday 18 th December - Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
Spring term starts: Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
End of term: Friday 9 th February 2024
February half term: Monday 12 th February - Friday 16 th February 2023

The safeguarding of children is of the utmost importance, if you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Mrs Gill- Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Li, Miss Reyes & Mrs Badhan - Deputy Safeguarding Leads
Mr Hodges - Safeguarding Governor