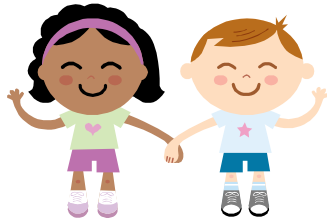


# Burlish Park Nursery Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2018



### Welcome

The Nursery Team would like to offer all of our children and their families a warm welcome to our Nursery. This is the first of our termly newsletters which we hope you will find useful.

### Who's Who

<b>Miss C. Morson</b>	Early Years Leader
<b>Mrs C. Hyde</b>	Nursery Teacher (Mon-Wed)
<b>Mrs E. Jukes</b>	Nursery Teacher (Thurs & Fri)
<b>Mrs L. Roberts</b>	Teaching Assistant (Mon-Wed)
<b>Mrs D. Phillips</b>	Teaching Assistant (Wed-Fri)
<b>Mrs M. Gould</b>	Nursery Nurse (Mornings only)
<b>Mrs T. Austin</b>	Teaching Assistant (Afternoons only)
<b>Mrs J. Cooper</b>	Lunchtime Assistant
<b>Mrs A. Allen</b>	Lunchtime Assistant
<b>Mrs L Williams</b>	Forest School Leader

### The First Few Weeks

We will find out what the children already know and can do through making observations as well as playing with and talking to the children. You will be invited to discuss your child's progress and adjustment into Nursery within their first term during our Parents' Evenings in October.

### Important Dates :

- We will be holding **Story Sharing sessions on Monday 1st October and Friday 5th October**. Parents of full time children can attend either the Monday or Friday workshop. Details to follow.
- Half term holiday is week beginning 29th October (Nursery is closed during this week).
- We will be holding parent workshops called **'Finger Gym' on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. These workshops are repeated on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** Parents of full time children can attend either Monday or Friday workshops. Details to follow.

### Our Topics

This half term we will focus on the season of autumn. We will also be learning about the festivals of Diwali and Christmas.

We will be reading some popular children's stories. These include:

- The Gingerbread Man
- The Three Little Pigs
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Room on a Broom
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Stick Man



### Activate, Write Dance and Dough Gym

Every day the children take part in a session of Activate, Write Dance or Dough Gym. **Activate** is a programme of movements to music which is designed to develop physical and memory skills and improve the children's sense of rhythm and timing. **Write Dance** is a programme of movements to music which is designed to develop fine and gross motor skills and memory skills. **Dough Gym** involves activities to music using play dough to improve strength and dexterity in the fingers and hands.



### PE

PE sessions will be on a Monday morning and a Thursday morning. These will take place in the main school hall and will commence when we feel that the children have settled into Nursery. Please send your child to school in navy or black jogging bottoms/leggings and a white polo shirt for this session every week. **They do not need to wear pumps or trainers as we do PE in bare feet.**

### Named Items

It is really important that all items (including shoes, wellies, clothing, lunch bags and water bottles) are clearly labelled with your child's name. It is very easy for items to get lost if they are not named.

### Outdoor Learning

All of the children are given the opportunity to learn outdoors every day. We go out in all weathers to take part in activities which support the children's learning across the Foundation Stage curriculum. **Your child will need a pair of named wellies to keep at Nursery. Please send these in as soon as possible.**



### Forest School

Forest school sessions will be on a Tuesday morning and a Thursday afternoon. These sessions will be delivered in groups of 12-15 children. Parents will be invited to attend the first session with their child. Details to follow.



### Drinks and Snacks.

During each session the children have the opportunity to have free milk and fruit in our Snack Café. They will also have access to their water bottles at all times.



### Zone Board

We have a zone board for behaviour in Nursery. All actions are related to our 'Nursery Golden Rules'. These are:

- Good Walking
- Kind hands, kind feet.
- Good listening
- Look after our Nursery and our toys.



Every child starts each session on the **sunshine**. The sunshine is 'good' as it shows that the rules are being followed. If a child is not following a rule a verbal warning is given. If the behaviour continues they move down onto a **white cloud** which shows them which rule they have broken. If the behaviour continues they move down onto a **grey cloud** and 'calm time' is given. If the behaviour is modified a child will return to the sunshine. Positive behaviour is also reinforced. If a child demonstrates exceptional behaviour and follows the rules they move up the **rainbow** to the **pot of gold**. If a child is in the gold zone at the end of the session they will be allowed to choose something from the special 'gold tin' to take home as a reward.



### Toys

We do not allow toys from home to be brought to Nursery. This is because they get lost or damaged and this causes upset.

### What your child should bring each day

- Coat
- Book bag
- Lunch bag
- Water Bottle (we only allow water)

**Please ensure all of these items are named.**

**The children do not need to bring spare clothes.**

### We are here to help!

**If you have any questions or worries regarding your child please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Nursery team, preferably at the end of the session so that we can give you more time.**

**Thank you,  
The Nursery Team**