



Little Owls Term 2 Newsletter

Date: Monday 30th October - Tuesday 19th December

Dear Parents/Carers

Having completed a very successful term 1, I hope that we are all ready to get stuck into an even better Term 2. The children are beginning to demonstrate a real sense of belonging to the Nursery. The structure and routine is beginning to emerge within the sessions and this is very promising. We would like to thank all the parents and carers that have helped to make the settling in process for you and your child as easy as possible. You may not realise how important your communication with us is during this crucial time but we would not have been so successful if it was not for your confidence and support in our decisions.

Toys from Home - We have become aware that some of the children enjoy bringing their toys to Nursery and as much as we appreciate the children liked to show us their toys, it can become quite distressing for others when they are not allowed to play with the toys, plus we have to make sure whose is who. Please can I ask that you try to encourage your child to leave their toys at home for safety or make sure you take them home after drop off. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Tapestry Online Journal - I am really pleased to see that so many of you have been looking at your child's journal and even commenting on the observations. This is an excellent way that we can share your child's experiences with you and also for you to be part of that journey and be able to react immediately. Please let us know if you have not been able to access your child's learning journey, so we can rectify the matter as soon as possible for you.

Family Photos - Thankyou to everyone who has supplied a family photo to go on our families' board. The children love seeing their families in the book corner and regularly discuss with their peers who they are and where they were. It is an excellent opportunity for your child to bring family life into the Nursery, which boasts self-confidence and self-awareness. If we are still waiting for

your family photo you can email it to us and we will print it off for you.

nursery@eastchurch.kent.sch.uk this will allow your child to join in with the activity.

Plimsolls - Once again a very big thankyou to everyone who has supplied their child with plimsolls for nursery. Not only does this allow us to keep a clean and tidy nursery for the children, but it is an excellent opportunity for them to continually practice self-care. Please encourage your child to change their shoes independently when away from the nursery as well, so that they continue to develop these skills. A note for parents - the children who have laces find this a difficult task, to help please change them to elastic laces and the children will be able to slip them on and off easily.

Lunch Boxes and Allergies - This term has been an experimental time for the Nursery in terms of Lunchtime and through trial and error we have been able to organise an enjoyable and functioning lunch time. The children all sit down together to eat their lunch (packed lunch or school dinner) at 11:30. The staff are on hand to encourage the children to eat independently and to start with their sandwiches first. We have been overwhelmed by some of the packed lunches that arrive and would like to offer some advice when packing your child's lunch.

- No nut products of any kind (due to allergies we are unable to allow nut products into the building.)
- A sufficient amount for your child's size(remember how much your child eats at home and be aware when packing their lunch, too much can be overwhelming and too little can often leave them hungry).
- A healthy lunch keeps active children alert and focused and gives them the nutrition they need every day. Please choose from a variety of food types: fruit and vegetables, starchy food, protein and dairy.

Christmas Nativity - This year the Nativity will be performed on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 1:30pm. No costumes will be required, however we may request certain colours to be worn on the day and if your child does not usually attend nursery on this day then they will be invited in to perform with the other children.

Term 2 - Below are the topics we will be exploring for term 2:

Topic 1 - 'Why do leaves go crispy?' *(30/10/17 - 17/11/17 3 weeks)*

The children will be exploring and investigating the season of Autumn. We will be going on an autumn walk and participating in lots of activities to explore the different aspects of Autumn.

Topic 2 - 'Where does snow go?' *(20/11/17 - 19/12/17 4 weeks)*

The children will be investigating all about winter and why snow melts and why icicles hang down. We will be exploring the effects of the cold weather on our bodies.

If you have any concerns regarding the above or any issues that have not been mentioned then please do not hesitate in speaking to anyone of us.

Regards

Miss Easton, Miss Stanton and Miss Chamberlain