



Milton Keynes Preparatory School

# Nursery Department Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to our Autumn Nursery Department Newsletter!



We hope you all enjoyed the summer holiday! We welcome all the new children and their families who have recently joined us and welcome back all our “old” families!

Our newsletter contains information for the Nursery Department and your child.

### **General Information**

#### **Art Work and Outside Play**

We have lovely bright rooms decorated with the children’s art and our exciting outside areas enable our little children to socialise, share and make new friends, learning from each other.

Our outdoor areas give them so many opportunities to have fun learning and playing in the fresh air.

We build dens, plant seeds and watch them grow, build sand castles in our sandpits, and splash in muddy puddles, alongside playing with our super outdoor equipment.



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### Display Boards

All the pieces of art work which you see in the rooms have been done by the children, often linked to specific themes or stories. Please take a moment to let your child show you what he/she has done.



We change the displays regularly to provide a continually stimulating and interactive environment.



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### Going Home Boards

Please check your child's mouse card on the going home board, as this is where we pin up their pieces of art and craft which are ready to be taken home.

We also pin up any letters or information for you here.

### Junk Modelling

The children love to glue models together. We are always very grateful for anything you give to us for junk modelling, for example washed yogurt pots, plastic bottles with lids, egg boxes, cereal boxes (they must not have contained any nuts)

### Communication

Staff are always available to talk to you at the beginning and end of the day about your child's day and to answer your questions.

### Two Year Checks

Do tell your room leader when your child's 2 Year Check appointment with the Health Visitor is taking place, so that we can share with you the comments about his/her development and anything else which arises.

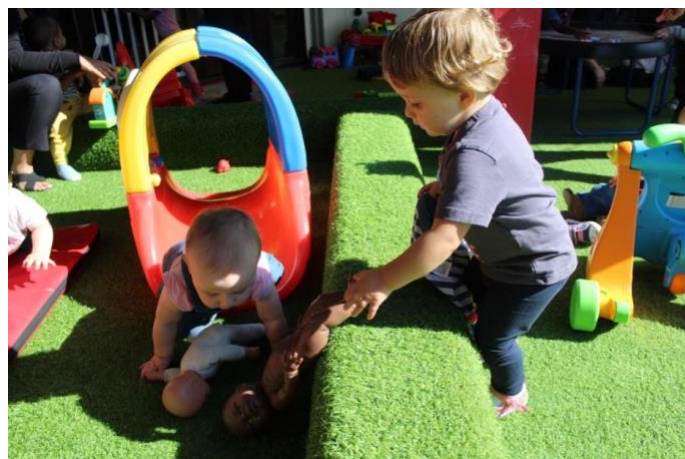
We would be grateful if you could give a copy of the report to Mrs Hart, Matron, to sit alongside our own records and help us provide the best for your child. This is a statutory requirement.

### EY-Log

We hope that all new parents have completed and returned their log-in details and that all parents enjoy sharing their children's Learning Journeys through pictures, video clips and observations.

### School Photographer

The school photographer will be taking photos of the nursery children on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and/or Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November (to be confirmed) and you will have the chance to buy your child's photograph when the proofs are sent to you.







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Siblings will also be photographed together and there will be class group photographs.

### Christmas Parties

There will be parties and a party lunch on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Children may wear party clothes to nursery that day. If your child does not attend on Thursdays, he/she is invited to come in for the morning party and to be collected after lunch, by 1pm.



### Spare Clothes

In addition to nappies, please send a small bag each day with a change of clothing and socks, spare pants (where appropriate) and, as the weather gets cold, please bring in a warm coat, hat and mittens.

Wellington Boots should also be brought, as the children go outside daily. Please name your child's clothing and boots clearly. Thank you.



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### Photographs Taken in the Rooms

We take many photographs of the babies and children, so that you can see them enjoying their activities.



Please take time to look at our photograph boards – you will see what fun they have!

### Breakfast

For our younger babies whose routines are not fully established, breakfast will be offered between 8am and 8.30am.

When babies reach their first birthday, breakfast should be given at home please, and we will offer toast here.





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### Fire Drill Procedure

- Should the fire alarm ring when you are in the building, please leave immediately by the nearest exit.
- Proceed to the assembly point in the front car park and await further instructions about the action which is to be taken.
- Do not go into the building to collect your child.
- Staff will follow our procedure to evacuate the children safely.

### Outings

During the summer we have enjoyed lots of walks to the park to feed the ducks (sweetcorn of course!).

Please ensure that children have suitable outdoor clothing to enable them to go for walks and play outside in the garden.







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#### Early and Late Room Care

The Early and Late room is located in the Pre-Preparatory Department corridor, in class 4G, which is the first room on the right hand side. If you are unsure, please ask your room leader to show you where the room is.

This is a pre-booked service for those requiring extra cover at the beginning or end of the day.

There is a standard charge for using the early morning service, but a scale of charges for using the late service, which is dependent upon the amount of notice you give when you book the place.

#### Reminders from Matron

1. Sickness and diarrhoea – please keep your child out of nursery for 48 hours after the last bout, in order that he/she is thoroughly better and also to protect the other little children.
2. If children have “sticky” eyes we will telephone you to ask you to get this checked with your GP.

Children with conjunctivitis, may not come into the nursery until they have received treatment and their eyes are back to normal.

We can continue to apply medication if needed, but their eyes must be quite clear, to be back in the nursery.

3. If your child requires a dose of medicine during the day, which you have brought in, please hand it to a member of nursery staff and sign the appropriate medicine book.



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### Dates for your Diary

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Our older children in school are celebrating Harvest Festival and gifts of tinned or dried goods are being donated to the Milton Keynes Food Bank. If you would like to donate an item, please hand it to your room leader.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning for prospective families. 10 – 11.30am. If your friends would like to come to see the nursery/school, please ask them to come along.
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning for prospective parents, 10 – 11.30am.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> or Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photographs – date to be confirmed
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties in the morning and a party lunch. Children may come to nursery in their party clothes.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery children and staff will enjoy Christmas Lunch together. Some of the older nursery children will go to part of the school end of term assembly in the afternoon.
<b>Weds 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nursery Department closes for Christmas AT 4PM</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Nursery Department re-opens

**The nursery is closed from Thursday 20th December 2018 to Wednesday 2nd January 2019 inclusive.**

### Staff

Headmaster	Mr Driver
Matron	Mrs Hart
Head of EYFS	Mrs Hanley
Registrar (general queries)	Mrs Ort
Deputy Matrons	Mrs Bolton, Mrs Garwood, Miss Lee, Miss Newton, Miss Rimmer