General Day Nursery’s

Autumn newsletter

**Nursery Library**

St Helens is ranked the 72nd most deprived authority (out of 317 authorities) nationally. 65% of school children in st helens are reaching expected milestones for their age in reading, writing and mathematics. To give the children in our care the best start in life, we try to put things in place here at nursery that support the children in developing these skills.

We are starting a nursery Library. From 1st October, your children will receive a library card and a book bag, each week they will be able to choose a book to take home to read with yourselves. There will be a comment book in their bag so parents can add pictures or comments about their time reading the stories at home. The purpose of this is so that parents can spend that time at home with a book with their child, talking about the pictures and reading the story to them. Reading aloud to your child helps them use their imaginations to explore people, places, times, and events beyond their own experiences. Reading as an imaginative activity can open doors to all kinds of new worlds for your child.

Hello to all our wonderful families.

Our newsletters will have a range of things in them from upcoming events, parent reminders, recipe ideas and what we have been getting up to in nursery. We hope you like them and enjoy reading all about nursery.

**Upcoming events -Autumn Term**

**18th September – Start of our food bank collection.**

**28th September – World heart day (cake sale and wear red)**

**Friday 29th September – Grandparents day – stay and play**

**10th October – Mental health day –**

**27th October – Funded children break up.**

**30th October – Cake sale fundraising for our Kiddy bus**

**6th November – Funded children return to nursery.**

**7th November – Photographer coming in.**

**9th November – Parents evening**

**13th -17th November – sponsored nursery rhyme week**

**17th November – Children in need**

**\*Other dates may be added as they arise but we will let parents know on daily sheets.**

Fundraising for our Kiddy cart

We are going to be fundraising for our very own Kiddy bus, this will enable us to take the children on trips into the community more and benefit the children massively. Keep your eye out for various fundraising events leading up to Christmas.

Nursery news

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are ready for the Autumn term. We have been enjoying getting to know our new children and families these past few weeks and can’t wait to know more about you all.

A few reminders to start the term off

* Please send over a family photo to the nursery email or via Facebook if you haven’t done so already.
* As the weather is set to turn for Autumn, please make sure your child brings a coat to nursery for when we go outdoors.
* Make sure you are signed up to our parent zone app so you can view recent observations of your child and you can add ones from home too.

Nursery food bank

With the cost of living rising, we are setting up our very own nursery food bank. Every month I will list some items that we are collecting for our food bank, these will be things like pasta, tinned food, and cupboard items. We will then bag these up and place them in our porch area for families to take home if they wish. Please keep an eye on our face-book page for the items we are collecting, if you have anything to donate, please give them to staff upon dropping off/collecting your child.

Parent reminders

Please ensure that you have the parent-zone app downloaded and check this regularly for messages from us. Any events will be on there with what’s happening for that day. You can also add pictures and observations on there, this will really help us when assessing your children’s development and next steps.

**Uniform**

**If you would like to order any uniform, please speak to Lisa or Jenny. We also have children’s backpacks with the nursery name on. These will be priced at £6.00. Polo tops are £9.50, and sweatshirts are £10.50.**

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