

Bowerdean Nursery School News

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Dear Families

Hello and Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to those new families who have joined us this term. We hope that your child will have a wonderful time learning with us, and that you will soon feel part of the Bowerdean Nursery Family. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask any member of staff.

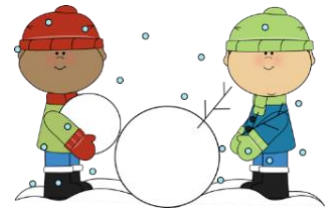


Thank You

It already feels like a very long time ago, but we'd like to thank all parents for their generous donations for our Christmas party and take the opportunity to express our gratitude for the many kind gifts given to the Nursery staff. We would also like to thank everyone again for their support at our Festive Fair. We raised an amazing £245 which we are using to create an outdoor music wall as part of this term's sensory musical exploration.

Winter Weather

At this time of year, we know to expect some unpredictable and occasionally severe weather conditions. You will appreciate that many of the staff do not live locally and in the event of heavy snow, we may need to close. It is also important that the site is safe enough for everyone to use. Should we need to close the Nursery due to bad weather, every effort will be made to inform you as early in the day as possible via ClassDojo. We will also advertise the closure on the Bucks County Council website. Log on to www.buckscc.gov.uk and click on 'schools' and 'school closures.'



Naming Clothing

Please can we ask that **ALL** items of clothing and bags are clearly named. It doesn't have to be with expensive name tapes, just a permanent laundry pen or sharpie will work.

The staff are amazingly talented, but it's very hard to remember every item belonging to 100 children! Please could we also ask that all children come to Nursery with appropriate clothing for the weather, as we play outside whatever the forecast.

Outdoor Play and Clothing

Please could we ask that all children come to Nursery with appropriate clothing for the weather, as we play outside whatever the forecast. Although we try our best, we cannot guarantee that your child will keep their coat on outside, nor do we stop children from playing outside, so if you feel your child is not well enough to go outside, then we would suggest they are not well enough to be at Nursery.



Although all-in-one warm suits seem sensible, they are very hard for the children to put on and take off themselves. As we want to encourage independence, we would advise you to send your child with a warm coat rather than an all-in-one.



TOP TIPS!

- Mittens (not gloves) are easier for children to put on themselves
- Attach them to a string/wool thread through their coats to stop them getting lost

Staff are unable to look easily for missing items until the end of the day so anything you can do to minimise lost property is most appreciated!

School Fund



We know money continues to be tight for families at the moment, but we hope you don't mind us making a small request. **The School Fund** supports the purchase of additional resources to enhance children's play and learning. It also helps us to provide a healthy snack of fresh fruit or vegetables, crackers or breadsticks. **We kindly ask parents to contribute £15 each term, if they can,** to help us meet these additional costs (see return envelope attached). If you would prefer, we always welcome donations of tissues, baby oil, plain flour & salt (for making playdough), wet wipes etc. Thank you.

Food Allergies



Please do remember to keep us up to date with any food allergies or intolerances should they develop in your child. We would also ask that if your child stays all day at Nursery, you provide food which is as healthy and nutritious as possible. For some tips on how to pack a fun and healthy lunch box you'll find some great ideas on <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration> or you can check out our Nursery website under the ['daily routine'](#) tab. **Please remember not to send any food containing nuts.**

Lateness and Attendance

It is really important that all children arrive on time for Nursery as it is very unsettling for your child to enter the classroom after the session has started. It also disrupts the learning for the rest of the class. **Please remember that the morning session starts at 0845 and at 1215 in the afternoon.**

We also ask that if your child is absent that you notify us each day of the reason for their non-attendance by emailing or calling the office.



Introducing 'The Parent's Portal'



Buckinghamshire Council have partnered with specialist local charity **Autism Early Support** to offer parents unlimited access to a **FREE online tool** which provides early help, guidance and access to an online support community. This self-guided learning tool is designed for parents of children aged 2-17 years who have autistic children or have noticed differences in their child and would like to find out more about autism or ADHD. [Register here to find out more](#)

Parent-School Contact

We are here to help if we can. Please don't hesitate to talk to us, if you need advice or have any questions about your child. We want to make sure that your child's time with us is one you will remember with happiness in the years ahead. **The best time to speak to staff is at the end of the session, once we have made sure all children have been safely handed over to their parents.** Alternatively, please call the office to arrange a time to speak to a member of staff.

With best wishes

Zoë Staines

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Headteacher

Diary Dates		
January 2025		
27-31	Mon-Fri	New parent catch-up telephone calls – booking emails will be sent to all new parents during the week beginning 20 th January.
February 2025		
17-21	Mon-Fri	Half-term – Nursery Closed
April 2025		
4	Fri	End of term – 1145. All children to attend morning session
22	Tues	Summer Term starts