

Bowerdean Nursery School News

Autumn Term
1st Half



September
2024

Warm Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families. The children are all settling well and are thoroughly enjoying making new friends. We completely understand that Nursery is often a new experience for parents too, so please don't hesitate to speak to any member of staff, if you have questions. We are here to help the whole family.



Autumn

The Autumn term is one of our favourites for getting out and about exploring. **The children can play outside in all weathers, so please make sure they have a named coat or waterproof and wellies. These can be left in our coat racks, if easier.** Also, don't send your child in their best clothing. Much of our learning is done through messy play, so we can get very mucky!



Please remember to NAME EVERYTHING – jumpers, cardigans, hats, coats, wellies, bags etc. We can't find things, if they are not named!



All children will have an opportunity during their time at Nursery to attend Forest School or join our adventures in our local environment. Staff use their professional judgement to carefully consider the ages and stages of development of all children when deciding if they are ready.



School Fund

Each term we ask families for a donation of **£15** towards our school fund. Money is used to purchase items such as fruit, snacks, plants, play dough and cooking ingredients for the children. Your voluntary contributions are much appreciated and allow children to have better learning opportunities. Donations can be handed into the school office or given to a member of staff. If you are unable to make a monetary donation, we are always delighted to receive items such as: tissues, wet wipes, antibacterial surface spray, cheap plain flour, vegetable oil and table salt (to make play dough). Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Extra Hours Care

We are fortunate at this point in the term to be able to offer places in our Breakfast Club and After School Clubs. We also currently have capacity for our older children to extend their day through Lunch Club and afternoon session time (1215-1515) at a cost of £8.00 per hour when pre-booked. Should you need any extra hours provision outside of your child's funded entitlement, please ask the office for further information.

Lunch Club

This is available to all 3-4 year olds, between 1145-1215. There is a small charge of £4. Remember all grapes or cherry tomatoes must be cut in half length ways to prevent choking. We also ask that you do not send your child to Nursery with any foods containing nuts. Please encourage your child to eat independently at home; we will support children where necessary, but it is important to pack food that you know they can feed themselves.





Snacks

We provide snack sessions every day. Please **do not** send snacks/drinks in children's rucksacks (unless of course they are staying for lunch) as we have many children with severe allergies.

Illnesses

Children pick up lots of bugs at Nursery! However, we encourage children to attend whenever possible. It's fine to send them with a cough or common cold, if they are well enough. If they are running a temperature, we ask you to keep them at home until it goes. Please remember that children must remain off Nursery for 48 hrs following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. For further information, please see the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Our ethos is to encourage the children to play outside at all times and we are not able to keep children inside. If you feel your child is not well enough to go outside, then they are not well enough to come to Nursery.



Car Parking and Princes Gate

We ask all parents to use the Nursery carpark for dropping off or collecting their children. This is accessible via the road to the side of the Kia Garage, off London Road. Please do not park on Princes Gate. Community Police officers do patrol the area and will issue tickets.



New Parents Catch Up

We are offering all our new families the opportunity for a quick telephone chat during the week commencing 07/10/24 to discuss how their child is settling in. If you would like your child's key person to call you, please simply register via the email invitation you will receive closer to the time. Each key person will be allocated 1 afternoon, but we are unable to provide specific times within that period.

Website - www.bowerdean.bucks.sch.uk

For all information about the school, including calendar dates, please see our website.

In future, all newsletters will be shared via ClassDojo and will be available on the front page of our website. We will only issue paper copies, if there is an attachment.

And finally some dates for your diary:

October 2024		
01	Tuesday	1445 – 2 year olds parent story and song session
7-11	Monday – Friday	New Parent Catch Up Calls (email invitations to be sent week of 30/09)
28	Monday - Friday	Half-term – Nursery closed
November 2024		
25-29	Monday - Friday	Parent Consultations – bookings open nearer the time
December 2024		
10	Tuesday	1445 – 2 year olds parent Christmas activity session
13	Friday	Christmas Party – children only
18	Wednesday	Christmas Concert - 1015
20	Friday	End of Term: 1145. Festive Fair No lunch or afternoon session. All children invited to attend morning Nursery.

With best wishes

Zoë Staines

Zoë Staines - Headteacher