



# Head Teacher's Meeting

## Starting Nursery at Nelson Primary School

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 9:15am

# Transition into Nursery

- We are having School Visits rather than Home Visits this year.
- In your transition pack you will have a date to come into school with your child to meet their teacher and nursery nurse and see their classroom.
- All children will start Nursery on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.
- AM and PM children will be invited to come in with their parents for 1 hour and 15 minutes on 8/9 with their parents. The timings will be allocated at the school visit meeting.
- From 10/9 & 11/9, AM and PM children will attend for 1 hour and 15 minutes without their parents
- We gradually build up time at school so that the children can settle into a longer day gradually. They will be very tired!
- School will be for the full 3 hours from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Transition arrangements for 30 hour children will be arranged individually with those children's parents.**

## **Nursery Times:**

AM Session: 8:40a.m.— 11:40 a.m.

PM Session: 12:15p.m.—3:15 p.m.

Please bring your child to the EYFS gate.

AM session- You have between 8:40 and 8:50 to drop your child off before they are marked as late. You will collect your child from outside their classroom at 11:40am.

PM session- You have between 12:15 and 12:25 to drop your child off before they are marked as late. You will collect your child from outside their classroom at 3:15pm.

30 Hours session - You have between 8:40 and 8:50 to drop your child off before they are marked as late. You have options for pick up times that are explained on the 30 hours flyer

# EYFS Curriculum

## The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The three prime areas of learning that make up the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum are:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Physical development

These prime areas are supplemented by the four specific areas of learning:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

## Learning Through Play

- Children in the EYFS do most of their learning through play.
- Every activity provided in Nursery is carefully planned with an aim to developing your child to their full potential ready to go into Reception next year.
- Always value your child's play and encourage them to talk about their play by joining in with them and playing alongside them.

# Outdoor Learning

- At Nelson Primary School the children learn both inside their classrooms and in the purpose built outdoor environment.
- The children are encouraged to seek learning opportunities for themselves within the provision and are guided towards activities that will stimulate their learning.
- There are many challenging physical activities for them to do which are essential to their cognitive development.
- The children go outside in all weathers so please make sure they are dressed appropriately in the winter/summer.

# Read Write Inc. (Phonics)

- We have daily phonics activities where the children listen and talk about lots of different sounds.
- We sing nursery rhymes and play games like rhyming bingo and making silly soup.
- We learn all about the pictures that are associated with the letters on the Read Write Inc cards.
- We then go on to learn the sounds that the different letters make. These are the skills your child needs to master in order for them to be able to go on to read and write later in the year.

# Assessment

- Assessment is ongoing for all pupils in Nursery and parents are encouraged to share in this.
- We regularly observe how children play, learn and interact and record these observations onto EExAT using iPads.
- Parents will be given login details so you can log onto your child's special book at home to keep up to date with their progress.
- Parents are encouraged to contribute observations and photographs of significant events at home for their child whenever they can.
- Each half term the teacher will have built up an accurate profile of each child's development and be able to assess them accordingly.

# Snack

- All Nursery children will have a snack time and they will be given a piece of fruit to eat and milk to drink.
- Children should not bring in snacks or sweets into the classroom.
- You must provide your child with a school water bottle that your child must bring to school every day filled with fresh water.
- No juice, squash or fizzy drinks are allowed.



# Weekly Stay and Play Sessions

- This will be subject to COVID restrictions again next year.
- Parents are invited to stay and play with their child **every Friday from 8:40 to 9am/12:15 to 12:35pm.**
- This gives parents an opportunity to do an activity with their child in the classroom to support their learning and development.
- This will really benefit your child's learning and give them the best start in their school life!

# Attendance

- Please ensure you bring your child to school every day on time.
  - If your child arrives after 8:50/12:25 they will be marked as late.
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- **Persistent lateness is unacceptable and will have negative impact on your child's education.**

# Uniform

- We expect all children to be in school uniform every day.
- Children must wear:
  - grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
  - white shirt/polo shirt
  - navy blue sweatshirt/jumper
  - a warm coat
  - sensible plain black shoes.
  - If your child wears a head scarf it must be white or navy blue.
- Uniform with the school logo on can be bought from the uniform shop Ian Howard (409 Barking Road).
- Please make sure every item of your child's uniform has their name on it.
- The school is not responsible for your child's belongings.



# Before you child starts Nursery

- You need to ensure your child can be as independent at school as possible. You can do this by:
  - Teaching your child to be able to go to the toilet by themselves.
  - Encouraging them to tidy up after themselves at home.
  - Teach them to be able to put on and take off their own coat and school uniform.
  - Encourage your child to speak and talk together about what you are doing throughout the day.
- These are all important skills that will help your child be able to cope with the demands of school.

# Before you child starts Nursery

Your child should not be:

- wearing a nappy
  - travelling to school in a buggy
  - drinking from a baby bottle
  - using a dummy
- **Please do not bring any of these items to school unless you have advised us of a medical reason that it is needed. We thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.**
  - Please provide your child with a spare change of uniform in a plastic bag labelled with their name that can be kept in school. This is in case your child has an accident so we can change them.

# Homework

- Every Thursday, children will be given a book bag with a book for you to share at together at home and a toy or puppet linked to the book to play with.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that all items are returned to Nursery in good condition every Monday.
- Failure to look after the book bags will result in either broken items having to be paid for or in extreme circumstances no further media sacks will be issued.