

Culverdene Nursery Ltd

Autumn News



Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to Autumn Term, what an action packed term we have ahead with plenty of things going on so let me begin....

Dates for your diary



Term begins 1st September and ends Friday 12th December... If we owe you any hours we will include them in October half term and the week of 15th December

October Half Term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

Why not book in for some extra sessions. Special Offer Monday to Thursday we are offering Morning session 9:00-12:00 at £15.00 or 9:00-4:00 at £30.00. Offer ends Monday 13th October so be quick and book in!

Photograph Day: Tuesday 4th November- more detail to follow.

Christmas Stay and Play: Wednesday 17th December 10:00-12:00

Christmas fun week: Monday 8th to Friday 12th December

During this week we would like to take the opportunity to raise funds for Newcastle West End Food Bank. We are encouraging everyone to get festive and wear some fun outfits- with an optional donation of £2.00 from each family going towards the food bank.

Staffing News



We would like to update you on our current staff in nursery.

A photo display will be arriving soon... watch this space!

Butterfly Room 0-2 years: Sally, our new team member Emily and our apprentice Sarah. We are hoping to introduce a new member as soon as possible.

Ladybird Room 2-3 years: Charlotte, Chelsea and Sam.

Dragonfly room (Our Early Intervention Room) 2 to 4 years: Kaylee and our newly level 3 qualified Maryam.

Busy Bee preschool 3-4 years: April-Lea, Shereen, Michelle and our apprentice Kiera.

This year we are opening our doors to students from Newcastle College, again watch this space!

Returning to the team in October will be Louise. Louise will be coming back as our new deputy manager. She will be working Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Menus and Mealtimes



Adhering to the new EYFS nutrition guidance (a statutory safeguarding and welfare requirement) we are emphasising the importance of routine, balanced menus, adults role modelling and involving children in the mealtime process.

We aim to structure our mealtimes to ensure they are a positive experience with a focus on health and safety. We focus on promoting nutrition, a social learning opportunity and supporting the all round well-being of the children.

Key principles of our menus

Breakfast is 8:00-8:30 we offer a different option every day including cereals (that are labelled green only), porridge and yogurt and fruit.

Snack time is around 10am and 2 pm it involves a light snack following the nutritional guidance on portion sizes and a focus on fruit vegetables and some bread products.

Lunch is a hot meal at 11:30 for under threes and the Dragonfly room and 12:00 for the Busybees. We use Halal meats and lots of vegetables. Meals are produced on site. If children do not eat the meal provided we do offer alternatives.

Tea is a light meal either cold or warm. We do recommend you consider a snack or light super when your child returns home as this is a very light meal.

Any allergy requirements please inform staff or simply update on Blossom

Please see our menus available at the entrance and in the main play rooms. You can also find a copy on Blossom. These are new menus which link to the new guidance, however if you have any healthy meal or snack ideas please just let us know.

Blossom



Have you logged into our new nursery app? We are still exploring and getting used to the new system however let us know what you think! We are hoping it will allow you to be more involved in your child's nursery journey. Why not have a little play. You can view and update your child's profile and even add a picture!

Nursery Contract, Newcastle Early Years Privacy Statement and an Updated Emergency Contact Form (we officially require three emergency contact details, these cannot be you the parents), please remember to return these

to nursery. If you have not received please see a member of the management team.



This term we are offering a wider range of sessions and aiming to meet the needs of parents. We are currently unable to offer an earlier start than 8:00am as there is no uptake at present however if we have a list of parents wishing to use the 7:30am slot we will re-look at this.

If your sessions are not fully meeting your needs have a chat with a member of the management team and we will see what we can do. We are aiming to be as flexible as possible however we must keep with the staff to child ratio's and staff working hours.



We would like to remind all parents not to park on the yellow lines at either sign of the nursery entrance as this is causing an obstruction. Also please do not park over the nursery entrance or people's drives for drop off or collection.

Please drive slow and careful into the nursery car park and watch out for children, parents and staff walking about!



With the return of Louise there will be some fundraising taking place in November and December... look out for what is coming soon.

Nursery Homelinks

Why not try...

- Look for the Harvest moon on October 7th... send a picture on Blossom
- Going on a sensory nature walk. Take one of our little bags and collect some nature items to share with your friends... bags available from Monday 13th October
 - Why not visit the library
- Why not join us in our 12 days of Christmas story event... update in December
 - Decorate a Christmas decoration to place on the nursery tree available from Monday 17th November
- Why not make Autumn soup send us pictures and recipes so we can try at nursery



Clothing

As we are moving into Autumn the weather is changing and it is getting colder and wet! We go outside in all weather so please bring your child in appropriate clothing.

We recommend that you bring wellies and a bag of spare clothes to keep at Nursery and label everything!

If anyone has any all in one vests short or long sleeves aged 9months to 2 years would you please donate to nursery thank you.



Learning and Development

Want to know a little more about what is happening in nursery, each room will be developing their curriculum boards this term, please take a look. We will upload to Blossom too.

If you have any worries about your child's development please have a chat with your key person or ask to speak to Sarah k (if the red cars in the carpark she's in!)

Thank you