



## **Ducklings Class Newsletter**

**September 2019**

The children are settling into their sessions very well. We operate an open door policy which means that the teachers are there to greet you in the mornings and also after school. They can chat briefly in the mornings – but if you need a longer chat, then please catch them at the end of the day when they will have more time. We have accommodated as many increases or reductions in session times as possible and we are currently full. Any further changes will require a term notice and will need to go through the school office.

We send out regular Nursery newsletters to keep you updated, alongside weekly whole school newsletters, with information and dates relating to the wider school. These are posted on the school website or you can pick up a hard copy outside the school office. We do try to keep you informed as much as possible through our school website – but this is currently being updated and until the switch takes place at the end of this month, it will not be fully functional. Please bear with us during this transition phase!

During the first few weeks of term we will be exploring 'friendly me' As part of Meadow's wellbeing wheel. Our key text for the term will be 'A bit lost' by Chris Haughton. Many of the children are already familiar to the story and can retell it beautifully. The children continue to build upon their listening and attention skills and we are enjoying a variety of listening activities. We are scaffolding numbers within their child initiated play, with particular focus on 1 or lots. The children have also been exploring size (big and small). To provide rich and varied experiences for the children, we are asking for a £6 voluntary half termly contribution towards the cost of cooking and messy play ingredients, if you are able to provide this we would be hugely grateful. Please pass onto a member of the Nursery Team.

We use an online learning journey called 'Tapestry' where we collect evidence of your child's progress in Nursery through photographs and observations. We encourage you to also use this and send us in your photographs and 'special' moments. Each week the children get to share this with their class, which they really enjoy. You will have already had the letter regarding this please return this as soon as possible.

In addition to our daily outdoor provision we have an extra outdoor session on both Mondays (Forest) and Fridays (Wellbeing Garden). We would recommend that the children come to school in clothing appropriate for the outdoors on these days (Trousers, Long Sleeved Top and Sturdy Footwear). We would also ask that all children have a named pair of wellies that stay in school, as we do go out in all weathers. As the weather begins to turn please send your child to school with a named coat every day too.

Please ensure you let a member of the Nursery Team know if someone else will be collecting at the end of the day, to ensure home time can run smoothly. Thank you for your patience this week.

Hopefully you have met the whole Nursery Team, below is a who's who as reminder.



**Miss Bailey**

Teacher (Mon-Thur)



**Mrs Fisher**

Teacher (Thur/Fri)



**Mrs Glover**

TA (Thur/Fri)



**Mrs Constantine**

TA (Mon-Wed)

### **School Applications:**

It may seem early as your child has only just started in Nursery, however, you are now able to apply online for their Reception Class Place. If you need support with this please speak to a member of staff. You will need to visit <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>, it would be helpful if you could let us know when you have completed this.

Thank you, for your continued support,

The Nursery Team.