



Deans Nursery Class



September Newsletter

We have been back a few weeks now and we have been very busy!

Welcome to Deans!	Welcome to our first newsletter of the nursery year. The team at Deans Nursery would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and families that have started with us over the last few weeks. Please keep this newsletter handy as it contains lots of important information. A copy can also be found in the nursery foyer.
Meet the Nursery Team	Our new families are getting to know us all and there are a lot of names to remember! So here is a quick reminder of the nursery team. <u>Early Years Officers:</u> Miss Bambrough and Mrs Anderson (Mon/Tues and alternative Wed am) <u>Early Years Practitioners:</u> Mrs Buckle, Mrs Clark, Mrs Dry, Mrs Ross, Miss Swanson and Mrs Whatcott <u>Pupil Support Workers:</u> Miss Cockburn, Miss Morrison and Mrs Frame (lunchtime cover) The nursery team are supported by the school Senior Leadership Team: Mrs Butcher - Acting Head Teacher Mr Weir - Depute Head Teacher Miss McQuade - Early Learning and Childcare Area Support Manager
Our Learning	We have been back at nursery for a few weeks now and the learning the children are engaging most with centres around 'apples'. We have two apple trees in our nursery garden which have produced lots of fruit for us to explore and use in our activities. We capture our learning within our floorbooks which are available to view in the nursery.
Curriculum Information Session	We would like to invite all parents and carers to our 'Curriculum Information Session' on Monday 14th September at 4pm. This session is to enable you to find out more about the learning experiences we provide at nursery and how we work in partnership with our parents and carers to enhance these experiences. This session will be held in the nursery and is for adults only.

Drop off and collection times	The nursery cloakroom can be extremely busy at times. Could we ask, when dropping your child off for the day, that you come into the cloakroom with them, get them ready and take them into the nursery room before leaving. There will always be a member of the team at the door taking a register. Miss Bambrough or Mrs Anderson will try to be in the cloakroom area at drop off/collection times, (if not we will be in the nursery room) if you need to pass on any information or just need a chat. Buggies are not permitted in the cloakroom and must be left outside (preferably) or tucked in within the foyer (must not be left all day though). If you require help with a younger child or baby, please speak to a member of the team who will be happy to offer support while you collect your child. We also ask for safety reasons that you only let staff members open the door for other parents.
Nursery Gate	Our nursery entrance is within the school playground. This usually has no effect on the dropping off or collecting of nursery children. However, for the safeguarding of the primary school children the gate to the playground will be locked from 10.45-11am and 12.45-1.30pm If you need to collect your child from nursery between these times, please come to the main school entrance, where Mrs Fowley will bring you along to nursery. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter!
Children's clothing	Please ensure <u>all</u> items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name (including spare changes, coats, wellie boots etc.). Any clothing items found without a name will be put in the lost property box in the cloakroom. We will empty this at the end of each term. Could we ask that your child has a full set of spare clothes in their nursery bag which is kept in the cloakroom. We would also appreciate if any items borrowed could be returned as we often run out of spare clothes!
Bookbug	We are excited again to be offering 'Bookbug' sessions in the nursery. These sessions will be run by Mrs Ross alternating between a Monday and Thursday morning at the end of each month starting on Monday 28th September from 9-9.30am. These sessions are fabulous opportunity for parents/carers to come along with their children, to share stories and songs and help develop the child's language, communication and social skills. For more information visit this link: www.booktrust.org.uk
P.E/Yoga	As well as our outdoor space, we are lucky enough to have weekly access to the gym hall within the school. This is a great transition opportunity for children to feel comfortable visiting new spaces within the wider school building. This term, Mrs Dry will be running PE and Yoga classes on a Monday morning. It would be great if children could come in comfy clothing to allow them to fully participate in the fun.

Seesaw	We are in the process of setting up Seesaw accounts for our new children and families. Please keep an eye out for your set-up email for your child's account. We use Seesaw to record information on your child's progress as well as share information on occasions. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the team.
Important Allergy Information	This was touched on within the school newsletter issued last week. The school and nursery aim to be a nut free environment as we have children and staff who are seriously allergic to various nuts and seeds. No adult or child should bring nuts into the school or nursery as part of their packed lunch. This includes all Nutella and Kinder Bueno products.
Dates for your Diary	Monday 14th September - Curriculum Information session Monday 21st September - HOLIDAY Monday 28th September - Bookbug session 1 Monday 19th October - October break begins (holiday) Tuesday 27th October - Return to nursery Thursday 29th October - Bookbug session 2