



Nursery Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

Happy ★ New ★ Year

A massive welcome back to all our children, as well as a few new children who have joined us this January. Everyone is really enjoying been back in Nursery. A massive thank you from the staff for all the lovely presents you brought us for Christmas.



The children have been very busy doing lots of baking, dancing, sensory play, dough disco, practicing writing our own names, rhyming and letter sounds and creating fantastic art work! Green room have also been taking part in a WellComm pack which includes some silly questions for the children to work on their understanding, communication and language skills.

Staffing

We have been advertising for a new staff member as Vic decided to leave us due to health reasons just before Christmas, we all wish her well. We have had lots of applications, however, everyone is unqualified and due to Ofsted requirements, this is hard for us to manage. We will also be losing a very long-standing valued member of the team this year due to retirement so it's imperative we replace staff, however, there is a crisis in the Early Years sector which is only going to get worse with the introduction of more funding which doesn't cover the cost of places.



We are working very hard to solve this at the minute and will inform you when we find someone.

Government funding

Anyone who has a child with us at the minute who will become funded in April 2024 needs to make sure they send their code to us in the next few weeks so we are able to process this information onto the portal.



Places

If you have children already with us and are requiring siblings to attend as the new funding becomes available please make sure you register very early. We are unable to put children on the list until we receive registration forms which need to be fully completed. We may be altering room allocations when the funding rates are released which makes it even more important that your forms are completed asap.

If you are needing to change your places it is also very important you ask early or we may not be able to accommodate your request.

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Timing

It would really help us if you could arrive on time for your session start time as we do not have spare staff available to answer the door after this time and causes disruption as well as your child missing out on the activities and playing with their friends.

Clothes

As a nursery we spend a lot of time outdoors with the children but they are increasingly coming with inappropriate clothing for the weather, often with no thick coat or even wearing sandals in the rain. Can we ask that all children bring water proofs - preferably bottoms and separate tops - along with a pair of wellingtons and a hat all clearly marked with their name. We have a lot of outdoor activities planned and don't want children to get wet and cold.



Directors

We are always on the lookout for extra Directors. If you are interested in the way the nursery runs and think you could help please volunteer, we only meet 4 to 5 times a year during the evening this can be remotely if needed or within nursery. you'd like to find out more please email in to thurgolandnursery@yahoo.co.uk and we can send you more information.

Keep watching our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Thurgolandchildcare> for a snapshot of all our exciting activities and any updates.

Kerry