

Parents' Newsletter September 2023



Dear Parent,

Welcome to Clough Nursery. We hope your child will settle quickly into the new routine at Nursery. If your child has an “off-day”, don’t worry; be patient and positive about Nursery and your child will be fine.

Thank you in advance for prompt payment of fees. Please send the fees at the start of each month in a named envelope. Thank you also for giving tissues, wipes and playdough. Could we also remind you to check that all parts of your child’s uniform are named, even the wellies!

Each month in Nursery we have a **theme** and a **colour**. This month’s theme is “**Settling In**” and the colour is **blue**. We have a colour table and encourage the children to either bring in a **named** object to display on the colour table or your child could look for a blue object around your home, take a photo and send to us via seesaw. All objects are returned at the end of the month when the colour changes.

We aim to have “**Music Time**” each day when we enjoy singing the songs from the song sheet which you can see on Seesaw and the school website. We would encourage you to sing the songs and rhymes with your child at home to reinforce the words. We are also looking forward to the monthly visits of Gillian from Jo Jingles, when the children will have the opportunity to play a wide variety of musical instruments.

During September and part of October we will send home with each child the “**Me**” bag. This should be returned to Nursery the following day with 4 objects inside it. These might be a picture or photo of my family or my pet, a favourite toy and book. Your child will then get to talk about their objects in Nursery so that we all get to know each other better.

When your child is at Nursery for the full session, we will introduce **Snack**. We help the children as needed but also encourage their independence at pouring their own drinks and even buttering their bread/toast themselves. If this is followed up at home, the children become very confident at serving themselves (although there may be big chunks missing in your butter-dish for a while!).

Another part of the Nursery routine is **Story-time**. Please help foster your child’s interest in books by reading to them frequently and letting them browse through many different kinds of books independently.

At the end of each Newsletter we will add some **ideas** for you to play with your child at home, so developing their language and physical skills in particular (starting next month).

Dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 28th September:** Music with Jo Jingles
- **Friday 29th September:** Macmillan Coffee Morning (more details to follow)

A list of the school holidays is available on our school website:

www.cloughps.org.uk

Please note the following:

- If your child needs medication while at Nursery, all medicines brought into school must be clearly labelled. The medicines will be kept in the Office. Parents must complete a consent form giving advice regarding the dosage and times required. This form can be downloaded from our school website under Medication Policy. It can then be returned to the Nursery.
- Nursery attendance is recorded each day. If your child has been absent, please send us a message via SeeSaw to explain the absence.

If you have any concerns about your child in Nursery, please contact any of the staff to talk about it. Our Nursery values the support of parents and we love to welcome you into Nursery for various events during the year.

We look forward to a happy year with your child in Clough Nursery.

Thank you,

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