

Parents' Newsletter September 2021



Dear Parent,

Welcome to Clough Nursery. Despite the strange times we are living in, 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 hankies, 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 aim to have “**Music Time**” each day when we enjoy singing the songs from the Song-sheet. 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 monthly visits from Gillian from Jo Jingles, when the children will have the opportunity to play a wide variety of musical instruments.

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).

Please note the following dates for the year ahead. Due to COVID-19, they are provisional. You will be told in advance if they change:

- 25th-29th Oct Half-term holidays
- 20th Dec-3rd Jan Christmas holidays
- 4th Jan New term begins
- 14th-18th Feb Half-term holidays
- 11th-22nd April Easter holidays
- 25th April New term begins
- 3rd May May Day holiday
- 30th May-3rd June May Holiday
- 29th June End of term

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 emailed to Nursery.
- Nursery attendance is recorded each day. If your child has been absent, please send an email to Nursery to explain the absence.
- Parents should enter the Nursery grounds via the gate on the left of the playground. Masks must be worn and a distance of at least 1 metre kept between parents while waiting for Nursery to open at 9 o'clock. We would recommend that one parent/childminder only accompanies or collects the child to minimize numbers queuing outside Nursery. At the present time, parents are not allowed to enter the Nursery building. Only bring a bag if it's necessary eg going to childminder. If you want to leave a bag in Nursery with a change of clothes for your child, it can stay on their peg and does not need to go home. When your child has entered Nursery, please leave via the gate at the front of Nursery.

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. Because of the virus, things are not as we would like them. However, hopefully we will be able to welcome you all into Nursery later in the year. In the meantime we look forward to another happy year with your child in Clough Nursery.

Thanking you,
J. Scott