



Autumn News Update



Welcome back to nursery. We hope you enjoyed your half term break.

New Security Door

Over the holiday we have had a new security door installed in the nursery entrance. This is an added level of security, to ensure the children are safeguarded at all times. The door will be locked prior to 8.45am each morning, when staff are setting up the nursery. If you have booked in for breakfast or early drop off, please press the button to the top of the silver keypad and speak to the breakfast club staff, who will admit you to the building. Parents collecting children from after school club should also buzz when the door is locked. At home time the door will be set to automatic and should open when you approach it. Please remember to **hold your child's hand when leaving the building** as they can easily run ahead and out the main door.

Parking

Please be respectful of residents when parking outside the nursery. The police and council have recently had a number of complaints, about cars pulling up onto the pavement and cars blocking access into resident's homes. They will issue parking tickets to anyone who is fully on the pavement or grass area.

Governing Body Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on the nursery governing body, for a parent representative.

What is a school governor? Governors are volunteers who help to **run** the school. Most schools work with a group of school governors - together they're called the '**governing body**'. They are involved in decisions about all aspects of managing the school – such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting high standards in behaviour. Governors also **help to make big decisions** about the school's long-term goals. They support Headteacher's, but also ask questions and make sure the Headteacher is taking the school in the right direction. The most important qualities for being a governor are **enthusiasm, commitment** and an **interest in education**.

What does the role entail? You will need to attend a governors' meeting each term. You'll also be expected to join a **sub-committee** – these cover different areas like the curriculum, finance or buildings. Governors are expected to keep abreast of changes and attend governor training events.

How do I become a governor? If you're interested in becoming a governor, please talk to the Headteacher.

Before you put yourself forward, talk to your employer. Many employers recognise the role of school governor as useful work experience and may offer paid leave for governor duties.

Parent Consultations

Please see your child's key person to sign up for a parent consultation appointment. There are slots available during the day, or alternatively on the evening of Wednesday 8th, for working parents. Appointments are booked on a first come, first served basis.

- Green Teddies with Mrs Dixon (Monday 6th November)
- Blue Teddies with Mrs Smith/Mrs Williams/Mrs Curry (Tuesday 7th November)
- Yellow Teddies with Mrs Dyer (Tuesday 7th November)
- Orange Teddies with Miss Humes (Wednesday 8th November)
- Blue Teddies with Mrs Smith/Mrs Williams/Mrs Curry (Thursday 7th November)

Children in Need – Teddy Bears Picnic

On Friday 17th November we will be fundraising for 'Children in Need'. All children are invited to bring their teddy to nursery, to share in a Teddy Bears Picnic. We suggest a donation of £1 to support this cause.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Nursery Christmas Fayre – Wednesday 6th December (2pm to 3.30pm)

A lovely way to start December and get into the Christmas spirit. There will be opportunities to make crafts, guess the weight of the cake, name the teddy, have a dip in the tombola and meet Santa.

Christmas Sing-along – Monday 11th December (1.30pm onwards)

For parents of children in the Green, Orange and Yellow Teddy group. You are invited to join the children and come along in your 'Christmas Jumper' to sing some Christmas songs.

Tiny Tweeties Christmas Special – Wednesday 13th December (times to follow)

For parents of children in Blue Teddies. You are invited to join your child and come along to nursery, in your 'Christmas Jumper', to join in with a Christmas music and movement session. This will be led by the very talented Tiny Tweeties duo Rachael and Chris. Followed by a party snack.

Christmas Party for Green/Yellow/Orange Teddy Groups – Tuesday 19th December (12.30-2.30pm)

We will be playing traditional party games, sharing a party tea and joining a special Christmas visitor in the hall. Parents are invited to join the end of the party to share in the present giving.

Theatre trip – Wednesday 20th December (PM)

We invite all the children in the Green, Orange and Yellow teddy groups to join us in visiting The Northern Stage in Newcastle to see 'Me' a beautiful story about a Penguin. Should we have spaces available for this visit; we will offer these to parents – if you are interested in accompanying us on this trip, please speak to Mrs Dixon. These seats will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Information on all events can be found on the calendar on the nursery school website

<http://www.rosemarylane.durham.sch.uk/>

More information about individual Christmas events will follow nearer to the time – should you have any questions, please just ask a member of nursery staff. We are all here to help you.

Staff Training Day – Friday 22nd December

Nursery will be closed on this day for staff training.

Don't Forget

We will be collecting raffle donations in the entrance from next week (6th November).

