

Brentwood Day Nursery

Autumn Newsletter 2020



Hello and welcome to all our existing and new families. It has been so lovely to have you back and see all the children again. The children have settled very well and are adapting to all the new routines we have in place due to the Covid19 related restrictions.

As you will know by now, we have a **new entry and exit system**, it has been a learning curve for us all, and we have tweaked a few things, but we hope that you are finding that this system is now working well.

Thank you to all the **new parents for adjusting** to the new way of viewing the nursery and the settling in sessions. We normally run a very 'open' nursery, but it has been hard to do this with all the restrictions.

The last few months may have been a real struggle for many of you who were juggling work and childcare at home. If you feel that **you need extra support**, please do let us know, we will do all we can to support you. The effects of lockdown may have an impact on your mental health and it's important



that you seek help if you feel you are struggling. Emergency contact numbers for Rachel and Chrissie can be found on the weekly email update that we send on a Friday, please do not hesitate to contact us out of hours in an emergency.

We hope all our children are settling in well and enjoying their time at the nursery. Please remember to speak to your keyworker for further information.

We'd like to remind parents that you can apply for a **reception school place** at an Essex primary school between 9th November 2020 and 15th January 2021.

Upcoming topic and events

Our topic for the next half term is 'storybooks'. Please see the events board for the latest information on events as it changes due to Covid19 related restrictions.

We have **polo shirts and sweatshirts** available, the polo shirts are £13 and the sweatshirts are £17. If you would like to purchase one please speak to Rachel.

Our **extra curricular activities** have started again and the children are enjoying Superstar Sports, French, Spanish and dance. Superstar Sports will be focusing on football this term. If you would like your children to attend any of these sessions, there is a £2.50 fee for funded children. Please speak to Rachel or Janet.

We have two new **staff members**, Hayley and Cara. They are both very experienced in childcare, level 3 qualified and are looking forward to getting to know you and your children.

Employee of the month



Our recent employee of the month for was our cook Sue. She had been away from the nursery for several months during lockdown as she was shielding. Although being very nervous about being out again and adapting to all the new procedures, she returned to work with a very positive attitude and coped really well with all the changes – well done Sue!

We have a **Facebook page** which is a private group and only existing parents are members. We update this regularly, if you are not a member, please search for 'parent group at Brentwood Day Nursery' and we will activate your request to join.

Illnesses and Covid19

The winter bugs have arrived and children are contracting some of these bugs. Please do not worry, refer to our 'what to do' guide if you or your child is unwell. We are following the guidelines by Essex County Council, Public Health England, WHO, and the Local Health Protection Team and we are doing all we can to keep the nursery, children, families and staff safe and well.



Please be aware that if there is a reported positive case of Covid19 within the nursery we will follow the guidelines and this may result in the nursery closing for a period of time. I know it is very hard for some of you, but please try to have a back up plan should we have to close. We do of course hope that this doesn't happen and we thank you for your support and cooperation during this difficult time.