NEWTOWN NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn Newsletter

Hello Autumn & Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely summer break. We are so happy to welcome everyone back and a very special welcome to all of our new children and families. We can't wait for an exciting term ahead!

OUR GOLDEN RULES

- **Be Kind**
- **Listen Carefully**
- **Try Our Best** (I'LL TRY MY BEST!)
- **Take Care**

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Screen Time for Under 5's

The DFE has issued new guidance on the use of screen time for children under 5.

- The guidance can be found by scanning the QR code. It suggests:
- Under 2s: Avoiding screen time other than for shared activities that encourage bonding, interaction and conversation.
- 2 to 5-year-olds: Trying to keep it to no more than one hour a day. Avoid at mealtimes and in the hour before bed.

Our new Health and Care needs policy has been updated in line with the new requirements of the EYFS and KCSIE documentation. Please read this carefully on our website

www.newtownnursery.co.uk

OUR NURSERY BEGINNINGS

- New routines and friendships
- Talking about feelings
- All About Me activities
- Family photos & boards
- Helping children feel confident in their new rooms and routines

SPECIAL DAYS THIS HALF TERM

13th Sep	National Grandparents Day
15th Sep	International Dot Day
18th Sep	McMillan Coffee Morning
30th Sep	Whole School Sponsored Dot Walk
2nd Oct	World Smile Day
5-16th Oct	Harvest Festival Week

Thank you to all our wonderful families for your continued support, kindness and involvement.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

2026-2027		
Holiday	**School Closes**	**School Re-Opens**
Autumn term 2026		Wednesday 2 September 2026
Autumn Half Term	Friday 23 October 2026	Monday 2 November 2026
Christmas	Friday 18 December 2026 - 2pm close	
2027		Tuesday 5 January 2027
Spring Half Term	Friday 12 February 2027	Monday 22 February 2027
Easter	Thursday 25 March 2027 - 2pm close	Monday 12 April 2027
May Day	Monday 3 May 2027 (Bank Holiday)	
Spring Bank	Friday 28 May 2027	Monday 7 June 2027
Mid-Summer	Friday 16 July 2027 - 2pm close	

KEEP IN TOUCH

See what we've up and join in the fun on our Facebook page:

UNIFORM

All children 2-4 years are expected to wear an item of Nursery uniform. We currently have two suppliers:

- Jean Junction (near Asda)
- www.ef-supplies.co.uk

SCHOOL FUND

We would be very grateful for any contribution to our School Fund, no matter how small, as every donation helps us provide enriching experiences and resources for our children.

MENUS

Our Autumn/Winter Lunch, Light Tea and Snack menus are available to see on our website.

SEND

Over the Autumn Term, we will continue to develop our SEND provision with money secured from LCC Capital Grants for SEND which we were successful in acheiving. Watch out for new exciting developments such as our sensory spaces.

SAFEGUARDING

We all work togther to keep our children safe from harm. Please help us by ensuring that you are not allowing other parents into the building, you are not using your mobile phone on the premsies and you share any concerns with our safeguarding team. Posters are available throughout the Nursery to let you know who our DSL's are.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This Harvest Festival, we will be collecting donations of tinned and dried foods to help our local community. These will then be donated to Colne Open Door. We would appreciate any donations that you can offer.

Funding Codes - Please ensure that your working parent funding codes are renewed where approrpiate to ensure your place for the next term. More information about this can be found in our funding pathways leaflet in Reception.

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AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our festive season!

A MESSAGE FROM NURSERY

Welcome back to the Autumn 2 term! We have an exciting half term ahead, packed with learning opportunities, special events, festivals and celebrations. There is lots to look forward to, so please take a look at the diary dates below and make a note of any important upcoming events.

OUR LEARNING THIS TERM

This term, our theme is "Sparkle and Shine", and we will be exploring the wonders of light and dark, shimmering metallic colours, and the many festivals and celebrations that take place at this special time of year. The children will learn about Diwali, Bonfire Night, Christmas, and other celebrations through a range of creative and sensory experiences. We will also be enjoying classical music, including pieces from The Snowman, and learning about the importance of road safety and staying safe after dark. We are delighted to have an exciting visit from the Fire Service to help us learn more about staying safe around Bonfire Night. Please look out for your child's Parent Learning Plan for further information about the exciting learning opportunities planned in each room this term.

REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES

- Tiny Pixels Photography will be in Nursery on Tuesday 3rd November for individual photographs
- Please ensure that your child's bag is topped up with plenty of warmer clothes as the weather and seasons change
- Please ensure items are named, especially hats and gloves as the colder weather approaches.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS TERM

- 5th Nov - Bonfire Night - Firefighters visiting Nursery
- 8th Nov - Diwali
- W/C 9th Nov - World Nursery Rhyme Week
- 13th Nov- Children In Need
- W/C 16th Nov - Road Safety Week

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

- 2nd Dec Parent Christmas Workshop
- 4th Dec - 2-3's Sensory Sing AM & PM
- 8th Dec 3-4's Nativity AM & PM
- 10th Dec Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch
- 11th Dec 0-2's Sensory Sing

OPEN EVENT

Do you know of anyone looking for a Nursery place in January or for the Summer Term? Please direct them to our Open Event on Thursday 19th November 4-5pm

All families and children are welcome to speak with the staff team, view the learning environments and take away any information required.

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SUPERVISED BRUSHING

Our supervised brushing is going well at Nursery and children have really embraced the new routine and learning experience.
Did you know... that Nursery can now refer your child to an NHS dentist if you do not currently have one. Speak to Tori/Claire for more information

A BIG THANK YOU

For helping us to raise funds last term for MacMillian.

For joining us on our Spot the Dot sponsored walk and by buying raffle tickets for our Halloween Boo Basket.

FUNDING REMINDER

Please ensure that any 30 Hour codes are refreshed/applied for before 31st December for the new term

Together for a happy, healthy and magical winter!

Happy Winter!