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# Nursery News January 2023

**Our Telephone Number—01827 794164**

Hello All

It has been wonderful returning to School and seeing how well our new children are settling in to their new routines. Every child has their own individual journey in starting a new nursery environment and we support every child's journey. It is wonderful to see the relationships that are being formed.

The year started with our nursery staff team having a teacher training day that focused on our curriculum offer and looking at project work relating to our gardens/forest areas. The staff teams will be sharing more information with you, as this project work grows and develops.

We have just had our Local Authority Health and Safety Inspection and I can share that we received an outstanding report. I am extremely proud of the staff team who constantly make sure health and safety is a priority within their working day.

I would love to have your opinions on how you feel your child has settled into our School and if you have any reflections on how we can improve the systems we have in place. Next week you will be receiving a parent questionnaire to complete – please do complete it as I would love to hear the celebrations and any reflections you have. Your opinions are valued and important to us.

I have sent an email to you regarding the dates that the NEU teacher strikes have been planned. I am currently working with the governing body and the LA to look at what the strikes will mean for our school (closure/part closure/open). I will keep you updated on the plans for the school, however this may be on the morning of the strike, I urge you to have alternative arrangements in mind for 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> March just in case the school does have to close.

Our new staff team members are settling in well, it is a pleasure having their knowledge and experiences join our team.

- Megan Whiting – Early Years Educator Butterfly Nursery
- Louise Wainwright – Early Years Educator and SEND Support Butterfly Nursery
- Vicky Cooper – Early Years Educator Caterpillar Nursery
- Sian Case – Maternity Cover Nursery Lead Teacher (Thurs/Fri)
- Alex Kibble – Administrator (Mon-Wed)

Have a lovely weekend!

Nicci

Executive Head Teacher

### LOCAL WELFARE SCHEME

The council's Local Welfare Scheme continues to help residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help and can provide financial support and advice for people in crisis who need support to access food and utilities. The scheme also signposts to further support available from other public, community and voluntary services around the county.

Details are below...

**Contacts: Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme, 01926 359182 or 0800 408 1448**  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

## Important Dates for your Diary

February Half Term — 20 February 2023—24 February 2023  
Nursery CLOSED Easter Holidays — 3 April 2023—14 April 2023  
Bank Holiday Monday — 1 May 2023  
Extra Bank Holiday Monday — 8 May 2023  
Teacher Training Day — Friday 26 May 2023  
May Spring Break Week — 29 May — 2 June 2023  
Teacher Training Day — 12 June 2023  
Induction/Move up Day—July 5th 2023—More information to follow.  
Break up for Summer Holidays—Tuesday 25th July 2023

*School uniform can be ordered by following this link. — <https://www.yourschooluniform.com/>*

### Keeping Everyone Safe - Some reminders:

- Please close all gates and doors behind you. This is to keep all of our children safe.
- Please do not park on the yellow zig zags outside Nursery. If the fire engine needs to attend an emergency to save a life and your car is in the way, they will move it by whatever means available!
- Please let us know, by phoning the Nursery if someone else will be collecting your child. Remember, we will not let your child go with someone we don't know or haven't been told is collecting your child. Passwords must be used.
- Please Do NOT park on the grass verge outside of the nursery school. This is area is a public walking right of way. Thank you for looking after all our children and families in our community by not parking in this area.
- Could we please ask that mobile phones are not used outside the nursery gate so that family leaders can talk to you on the handover should they need to. Thank you.
- When taking your child home in a vehicle, please secure children safely in their appropriate, and legally required, car seat before you drive off.

### Some reminders:

- At nursery, we encourage the children to eat healthy snacks such as milk, water, fruit and vegetables. We would like to do the same at lunch time, on our website under newsletters is a poster with suggestions of healthy lunch options to give you some extra ideas of the kind of things you can send in for children, which can include a small treat such as a biscuit bar.
- Please can we ask that children only bring a small named plastic bag with spare clothes and their packed lunch. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.
- Please do not bring any toys from home into nursery, we do not want to loose them!!
- The snack collection trolleys are fully in operation now - please do drop your child's contribution of fruit into the trolley that will be positioned at the gate on their arrival. Thank you!

Please do let us know if your child is going to be absent from Nursery School - whether it is because of illness, family circumstances or holiday. Call **01827 794164** and leave an absence message or tell the reception staff.

Regular school attendance is important for the children to make relationships and learn. However, young children do become poorly, especially at this time of year, so please keep them at home if they are unwell. Thank you very much to everyone for co-operating in letting us know when your child can not attend. We are very grateful for the phone calls and messages.  
**Remember—with vomiting sickness and diarrhoea please give a clear 48 hours before sending your child back to nursery.**

And remember you must not send children in if you have had to give them Calpol— give them time at home to get well.  
**Thank you.**

### Important contact details

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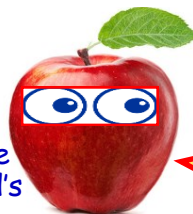
**IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS:  
THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE AND RADIO STATIONS  
WILL BROADCAST SCHOOL CLOSURES:**

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)  
Free Radio 97 & 102.9 FM BBC Radio Cov-  
entry & Warwickshire 94.8 103.7 & 104 FM

### Nursery Fund Contribution

**Nursery contributions from families help us provide additional resources and activities that are not covered in the budget. It also tops up the snack items each week to ensure there is enough for all. All donations are appreciated.**

Our account details are:  
Account No: 38951760  
Sort Code No: 30-94-93 please quote your child's name on the transaction,



**Nursery Fund donations so far: £42.00**

## BUTTERFLY NURSERY NEWS

It has been so lovely to see all the returning children come back after Christmas with so much excitement ready to learn again. We have welcomed some new children into Nursery. They are all getting to know the Nursery rules and routines well. They have had lots of fun exploring the environment and the new activities on offer. We can't wait to continue to watch them grow and learn as they begin their Nursery journey with us!

During the new term we have been spending lots of time outside!

We have been noticing how different the world around us looks in winter and how it is different to other seasons of the year. We have enjoyed finding ice and observing what has frozen inside it. We have been noticing what happens when we break the ice on the hard playground and listen to the noise and patterns it makes.

We have been learning all about Chinese New Year and the wonderful joy it brings to many people around the world. We have heard the story of Nian and acted out using musical instruments to scare Nian the beast away. We have been practicing ordering our numbers as we listened to the Great Animal Race, which tells us about how the Chinese Calendar was named. As a special treat we also did some Chinese food tasting and enjoyed prawn crackers, sweet chilli and hoisin sauce, spring rolls and noodles! It was delicious!

### CURRICULUM PROJECT

This term, in both Butterfly and Caterpillar Nurseries we are starting a Project that will last until the Summer.

The children are being asked a question – What is in the garden? Each family group will talk about and find out about their own ideas – we look forward to seeing the direction that the children take this in, and finding out about the things that interest them.

This week, for National Storytelling week, we are having a focus on our allotment, with the story of Jasper's Beanstalk, and Oliver's Vegetables to encourage the children to think about growing and what lives in and under the soil. We will also be focusing on the birds as it is the RSPB bird counting week, so things that come into and fly over the garden too.

If you have a garden at home or visit friends or relatives who have a garden, ask them the question "what's in the garden?" There are no right or wrong answers – they may talk about toys, stones, garden ornaments, anything that catches their interest!

If they do talk about it at home, please email us at [admin1000@welearn365.com](mailto:admin1000@welearn365.com) and let us know the ideas that they come up with.

### PROMOTING FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES IN OUR NURSERY

Fundamental British Values thread through all the areas of the curriculum that we teach the children. These include:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

This term, we are beginning to respect each other's ideas and decide what to learn based on the most popular choice

Just a reminder...

All children have a named canvas bag on their peg at Nursery. If possible, please could we ask that child bring spare clothes in a plastic bag, with their name written on. We can transfer their clothing into the bag on their peg. This saves the need for backpacks to be brought backwards and forwards between home and Nursery. Please could you ensure all items of clothing including hats, gloves etc are named. Children have access to cups and drinks during their time at Nursery and therefore it is not necessary for them to bring a drinks bottle with them (unless they stay for lunch), thank you!

Thank you for your continued support,  
Take Care,

The Butterfly Team - Jenny, Sian, Gracie, Sue, Sam, Megan, Rachel, Michaela, Elly, and Louise

## CATERPILLAR NURSERY NEWS



What a wonderful start to the new year!

Our returning children have come back to nursery happily and full of excitement to see everyone again.

We are welcoming new children and their families too. The older children have been so good at helping them all to settle in, by guiding them around the nursery environments and showing them where to find things.

Winter

We have been talking about winter time and the changes that it brings. The cold weather, frost and snow! We have been thinking about how we need to dress warmly and keep moving when we are outdoors.

Together, we have observed the changes in nature, such as the bare trees, the frozen puddles and the beautiful frosty spider webs.

The children have been noticing how the bikes and scooters leave a trail in the frost on the ground, also how we can use sticks to draw on the frosty surfaces around the garden.

Our favourite stories to share have been:

- Pip and Posy – The Snowy Day – Axel Scheffler
- Tales from Acorn Wood – Squirrels Snowman – Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

Chinese New Year

There has been lots of fun and excitement during our Chinese New Year celebrations. We have been reading stories, watching dragon dances and trying different Chinese foods.

Thank you for the contributions towards healthy snacks. The children have really enjoyed sharing fruits, crumpets and toast together at the snack table.

With Best Wishes from Lisa, Debbie, Ellis and Vicky

Parents/Carers, please remember the  
Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

-that you have all read and agreed to during induction

Please be **kind, respectful** and **polite** to staff at the gates.

Staff are following new **Government Protocol** and guidance from **Public Health England** to keep your children and staff as safe as we possibly can throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic.

- There will be times when we have to ask questions.
- There will be times when we ask you to wait whilst asking for guidance from Senior Leaders.
  - There will be times when we need a second opinion as the guidance changes daily.
  - Please be patient. This is for everyone's safety.

**Thank you** for helping us- you **really make a difference in keeping our nursery community safe.**

