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# Nursery News September 2022

**Our Telephone Number—01827 794164**

## Message from the Head of Federation

Hello All

What a wonderful start to the Autumn Term we have had, it is just lovely to have the school full of children again. Welcome back to our returning families and a huge welcome to our new families that have joined our nursery family.

We have had our new children starting their induction with us, getting to know their new nursery environment and getting to know our staff team. Every child will settle at their own pace and we will support every family individually with settling plans. For many of our children they have lived their life through COVID pandemic times and spent more time at home so settling away from their familiar grown up's may be that little bit harder – but that is okay and we will support every child through that.

We will send you a newsletter every month with updated news/any requests and any updates. We will send you fortnightly a learning focused email that will share with you all the learning and experiences your child has been experiencing at Nursery. We have also attached with the newsletter information on how your child's keyperson will share your child's progress with you. These meetings are extremely important as your reflections and sharing's are key.

We are starting to notice a change in the weather this week, please do make sure your child has layers of clothes on, spare clothes and suitable shoes for exploring our outdoor environments. We have been recommended from public health to keep windows open to allow for ventilation as we know COVID is still circulating in our area and ventilation reduces the transmission.

If your child tests positive for COVID please call school and we will inform you of Warwickshire self-isolation guidelines. If your child is unwell, please do keep them off school until they are well.

If you have any questions, comments, reflections please do email or phone our admin team and they will direct you to the best person to speak to – our door is always open and working with you all in collaboration is extremely important to us.

Have a wonderful, autumnal weekend!

Nicci Burton

Executive Head Teacher of Federation

## **50 Things to Do App**

The 50 Things To Do app features activities to support the different stages of development for children from birth until they are five years old.

For more information, click on the link below:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2746/download-the-app-help-your-child-to-thrive-50-things-to-do-before-you-are-five->

## **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)

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 21st October 2022	Break up for October half term
Monday 31st October 2022	Children return to nursery
Friday 16th December 2022	Break up for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Nursery closed-Teaching Training Day
Wednesday 4th January 2023	Children return to nursery

Teacher Training Days  
2022/2023  
Tuesday 3rd January 2023  
Friday 26th May 2023  
Monday 12th June 2023

17th October - Sponsorship week, more info to follow

**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.

### 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!
- If any families are needing to store prams in the pram store they can now do so.

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.**  
Thank you.



### Important contact details

**Atherstone Nursery School:**  
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Email: [admin1000@welearn365.com](mailto:admin1000@welearn365.com)

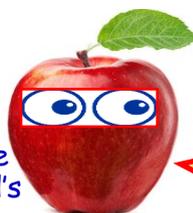
**IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS:  
THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE AND RADIO STATIONS  
WILL BROADCAST SCHOOL CLOSURES:**

[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:  
£1.50**

## BUTTERFLY NURSERY NEWS

We have all enjoyed welcoming and settling your children into nursery. The children's confidence has grown so much as they settle into the routine, begin to understand the rules in nursery and why we have them. It is lovely to see the children arrive at nursery with a smile.

The children have enjoyed exploring the nursery environment, having lots of fun, particularly in the sand, water and paint. It's fantastic to see them starting to show an interest in what other children do and begin to form friendships. They have also enjoyed spending time outside and exploring puddles and the changing weather. We appreciate you sending them in waterproof coats and sturdy shoes or boots so they can continue to do this as the weather is becoming colder.

During this half term, we have been looking at colours and feelings with the children, linked around the story of "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see" and "Owl babies". You can find the stories being read aloud on YouTube if you want to share it with your children at home. As we move into the season of autumn, the children are noticing the changes it is bringing in our garden and Forest. We are beginning to look at autumnal resources and have leaves, pine cones, pumpkins and conkers for the children to incorporate into their play, throughout nursery.

Butterfly Team



## **CATERPILLAR NUSSERY NEWS**



What a wonderful start to our Autumn term! We have been busy welcoming our new children into nursery. We are very proud of the way they have settled in. The returning children have been helping the new ones, by showing them how to follow our routines or by giving them a wave and a friendly smile.

We are discovering lots about Autumn and all of the different changes that it brings. We have collected natural objects such as, leaves, twigs and pine-cones which the children have shown interest in exploring and using in their play activities.

At circle-time we have been enjoying listening to stories and singing rhymes together. The children are doing so well at learning one another's names as we sing "The hello song."

Following our theme of Autumn, our book of the month is: Owl babies by Martin Waddell  
Our new song is: The wide-Eyed Owl

There's a wide-eyed owl  
With appointed nose  
Two pointed ears and claws for his toes.  
He sits in a tree  
And he looks at you.  
He flaps his wings and he says twit-twoo!

### Fruit donations

Thank you for your contributions of fruit. It is lovely to see the children sat at the snack-table sharing the fruit together.

### Spare clothes

Please can you send in extra sets of clothes for your child, to keep in their nursery bag. If they get wet or have an accident we currently have very limited spare clothes in nursery to change them into.

Thank you for your support,

Best wishes from Lisa, Deb, Ellis Jo and Michelle

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.**

