

November 2023



Dear parents and carers,

The children have continued to settle in and enjoy their time at nursery with their new friends and teachers. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for the very generous Harvest contributions which were passed on to Blakenall Food Bank and for your kind donations of cakes for our MacMillan coffee mornings which raised £52. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in nursery for our Celebration assemblies and the children loved sharing their songs with you and telling you all about what they enjoy doing at nursery. We will soon be moving onto Christmas celebrations so please see the dates overleaf or speak to a member of staff if you have any queries.

Christmas

Our Christmas performance in Unit 2 this year will "It's A Baby!" This will take place on Thursday 14th December. The morning children will perform at 10.30am and the afternoon performance will be at 2.15pm for Beckie Q's afternoon group and the 30 hours children.

On Wednesday 13th December, the Unit 1 children will be holding a Christmas singalong for parents and carers. Due to space restrictions, this is limited to 2 adults per child. The morning group singalong will be at 10.30am and the afternoon singalong will take place at 2.15pm.

Labelling of clothes and other items

We are still seeing items of clothing and belongings which are not labelled. This can make it very difficult for staff to help the children to locate items or if any items are lost or misplaced. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's full name. Also ensure that other items such as bags, water bottles and lunch boxes are also labelled.

Food bank donations

We are collecting Advent calendars for Blakenall food bank. Can any donations of advent calendars be sent into school by Tuesday 28th November at the latest please.



Communication

Please ensure that you keep the office up to date with any changes to mobile numbers so that we can continue to communicate with you by our text messaging service. It is also vital that we have up to date numbers in case of emergencies. Our school e mail address is postbox@millfields-n.walsall.sch.uk

Please note: We are able to support families by means of food bank vouchers. Anyone who feels that they would benefit from this, please speak to either Lynne or Dawn and we will be happy to arrange this for you as quickly as we can. Please note that this is a confidential service.

Reminders and information

A reminder that Nursery session times are 8.30-11.15/11.30am and 12.15-3.00/3.15pm. We ask that children are brought in on time so that they do not miss valuable learning with their keyworkers and collected promptly please. Late fees will be incurred after these times.

Dates for your diaries:

Monday 20th November—Dawn's Consultations

Wednesday 22nd November—Kathryn's Consultations

Thursday 23rd November—Beckie B's Consultations

Monday 27th November—Maxine's Consultations

Monday 4th December —Unit 2 Grandparents Events

Wednesday 6th December—Unit 1 Grandparents Events

Wednesday 13th December— Unit 1 Christmas Singalong and activities

Thursday 14th December—Unit 2 Christmas Performances of "It's A Baby" 10.30am and 2.15pm

Friday 15th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December—Christmas Party Day

Thursday 21st December—Last day of term for the children. Nursery closes at 11.30am for all children.

Friday 22nd December-staff training day (nursery closed)

Monday 8th January 2024—first day of Spring term, children return to nursery



