



The Duckling Nursery Ltd
Writtle Infant School
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Newsletter 2018/J

Settling in

We are delighted that almost all our new little Ducklings have now settled into the nursery. Our aim is to settle everyone before half term and as we have another 2 weeks to go, I am sure together we will achieve this. It is wonderful to now see so many smiling faces coming into Ducklings in the mornings and afternoons. I still have some availability on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning and any of the afternoons. Please come and see me if you would like to increase your child's sessions either now or in the new year?

Ofsted

We are pleased to inform everyone that the nursery received the judgement 'good' in all areas in the recent inspection. The report is now available for to view on the Ofsted website: www.reprots.ofsted.gov.uk and the Duckling website.

Home/nursery books

Please can I remind you about these little yellow books in the children's bag. It is always lovely to see the children and their key person sharing these together with their peers. A little message once a week would be wonderful.

Duckling bags

Please can I ask a favour from you all? We have removed the shoe racks from the cloakroom, which has given us a little more space, however most children do need to share a coat peg. Some of the children's bags are full of spare clothes, nappies, comforters and water bottles. Children only need one spare set of clothes during transition time from nappies to pants, nappies are not required as we supply them, and the children have access to a water fountain all day plus drinks at snack times and lunch time, therefore do not need to bring bottles into nursery. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Coat peg photos

If your child does not have a photo on their coat peg please could we ask you to provide one before half term? The photos help the children to identify their peg as many of our little Ducklings are not yet able to recognise their name.

Duckling dates for 2018/2019

This year we have arranged and booked all our dates for the year.

Autumn Term: Parent/key person consultations - Friday 30th November
Christmas Fayre - Saturday 8th December
Christmas party - Friday 14th December (9 am - 12 noon)
Children's Christmas Play - Monday 17th December (9.30 am)

Spring Term: Ladies night - Friday 8th March

Summer Term: Sports morning and picnic lunch - Friday 28th June
Induction afternoon - Friday 5th July
Nursery summer outing - Wednesday 10th July
Parent/key person consultations - Friday 12th July
Leaver's lunch - Friday 19th July

Friends of Ducklings

We held our first meeting on Tuesday 25th September and began to organise our Christmas Fayre. We will be asking for your help during October and November for donations of various kinds and very much appreciate your support. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th December, which will be sorting and preparing hampers, sweets, bottles and toys. Many hands make light work so if anyone would like to join us please let me know.

Mrs Homer