



**The Duckling Nursery Ltd**  
**Writtle Infant School**  
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## Newsletter 2020/D

### Duckling update

Hello to everyone. I am delighted to say that we have forty children who have returned to Ducklings and we are having great fun and keeping very busy. We have missed our little Ducklings who have been unable to return and look forward to seeing you all again in the not to distant future. We have had to make many changes at Ducklings during this very crazy unusual and sad time, however we have found some of these changes very positive and have decided to continue with them in September.

Well here goes. I really hope you will like these changes as much as we do.

Rainbows, Suns, Moons and Stars will be reinstated but in a different form and our bubbles of skippers and bouncers will float away leaving behind this new way of working. Each group will now consist of children of mixed ages and resemble little family groups. During the last four months we have recognised how our oldest and youngest Ducklings have benefited from these groupings. The older children have been so caring, kind and responsible for the younger ones and subsequently the younger Ducklings have learnt so much from the older children. The interaction, communication and growing group identities have been absolutely delightful to witness.

Key group leaders, assistants and children

#### **Rainbows - Mrs Park and Miss Briscoe**

Samuel, Annabelle, Ronnie, Finley, Mabel O, Amelia, Rex, Milo H, Florence, Eva and Odhran

#### **Suns - Mrs Nicholls and Miss Bayes**

Charlie, Dylan N, Felix, Albie, Molly, Wilf, Melody, Poppy-Joe, Milo C, Lois and Mabel D

#### **Moons - Miss Mattacks and Miss Suckling**

Leo, Emma, Matilda, Ellis, Arti, Lowen, David, Sophia, Elliot, Maria and Maisy

#### **Stars - Mrs Moore and Miss Fulker**

Annabel, Alfie, Betsy, Noah, Dorothy, Arthur, Darcie, Luca, Dylan B, Eduard and Maia

### Planning

Our planning system will now allow for each member of staff to plan for a whole weeks key group activities focusing on different sub topics from the main topic of the term. The details of the weekly topic and who has planned the activities will be displayed on the planning window.

We will also have focus groups taking place throughout the day. These will also be detailed on the planning window. Lastly, the children will join little clubs for approximately 20/30 minutes everyday. These will include topics such as, gardening club, phonics club, building club, theatre club and many more.

The children will still have lots of time to engage in free play with their peers.

**Wake and Shake, Quiet and Calm, Time to Talk, Outside Learning, Cooking and PE will continue as before.**

Our topic for the autumn term:      **Games and activities we love to play**  
   **Having fun each and every day**  
   **We love to share our many toys**  
   **With our friends, the girls and boys.**

**Our Mummies and Daddies and Grandparents too**  
**Loved to play games like me and you**  
**New games and old games will be such fun**  
**Together let's explore them one by one.**

## **Water Bottles**

We would like all children to have their own water bottles in nursery from September. We will continue to provide snack but the children will have their water bottles rather than milk or water in cups. There will be a designated place to store the bottles, and the children will be able to access them throughout the day.

## **Self-registration**

The children will continue to self-register on arrival, however a new system will be in place. This will be explained when we return to Ducklings in September. Also each group will have a new container to store their lunch boxes in.

## **Wellies and slippers**

Please don't forget children returning in September will need wellies and slippers to keep at nursery.

**Please can water bottles, lunch boxes, wellies, slippers and clothing all be clearly named?**

**We are all really looking forward to some very busy exciting times ahead.**

## **Friends of Ducklings**

A provisional date to put this date in your diaries

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November for our Autumn/Christmas Faye.**

Hopefully we will be able to arrange our next meeting in September when fingers crossed life has returned to a little more normality. It would be great to have some new families as lots of our current members are leaving Ducklings this term. Please come and see me if you are interested in joining us.

## **Goodbyes**

Finally, we have to say goodbye to many little Ducklings who are leaving us this term and heading off to big school. We wish Florence, Jacob, Ella, Eden-Rose, Isabelle, Hettie, Bobby, Warren, Erol, Lola, Stanley, Isla, Brody, Kimberley, Francesca, Alice, Madeleine, Eric, Ozzy, Thomas, Leo, Carter, Gregory, Jo, Harriette, Frankie, Prezlee, Sidney, Annabel, Molly, Harrison, Max, Belle and Joshua many happy times in the new adventures ahead.

## **Leaver's picnic**

**Please come and join us for leaver's picnic on the Green on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30.**

**Our new term begins on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**Mrs Homer**