



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

### **Autumn term Update**

I hope everyone is well and had a good half term enjoying some sunshine and certainly some rain. No doubt you will have heard the prime minister's announcement on Saturday evening that the country will be under lockdown conditions for one month. One major difference on this occasion is that the education system will continue to function. Please rest assured that our Duckling Nursery will be operating in a near normal manner, however, we are asking all parents/carers to wear masks when entering the school premises. We hope this small change will assist in keeping everyone safe during this tricky time and we very much appreciate your support and co-operation.

### **Nursery Photographs**

Please can I remind parents who have booked their child in for a photograph on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November to come at your appointment time.

### **Parent/carer key person consultations**

Consultations will be a little different this year and will be a telephone call from your child's key person. The Rainbows and Suns will be during the morning of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November and the Moons and Stars will be on the morning of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Appointment times will be given to you nearer the time and learning journeys will be sent home before then.

### **Christmas cards**

As in previous years we will not be having a Christmas post box in the nursery for Christmas cards. Attached to this letter is a sheet of white card that we would like the children to decorate and create a Christmas card for all their friends in the nursery. Please could these be returned during the week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November? These wonderful creations will be shared together and displayed for all to see.

### **Christmas Duckling performance**

Sadly we will not be able to do our usual Christmas performance with the children in the school hall this year however we are hoping to put together a short fun festive entertainment on video for you. The children will be learning songs and actions during the coming weeks at nursery. However, we need a little help from you. We would love the children to make a small Christmas tree decoration at home and once again bring into nursery the week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November as they will have a key role in our Christmas entertainment.

### **Christmas Party**

We will not be having a Christmas party this year as we feel it would be inappropriate to have 50+ children in the nursery at one time. Rather than one party we will be having lots of Christmas fun and games during the last week of term ensuring that the children will have an exciting and enjoyable time.

### **Reminders**

Please can I remind you again that all water bottles, lunch boxes, clothing (both indoor and outdoor items) and shoes should be clearly named?

Also contact numbers for Thursdays as I am not in nursery are: Mrs Park (8am - 3pm) 07967 054184, or Mrs Moore (7.30am - 5.30pm) 07595 286449

As you can see from this letter Christmas activities for the children will be very different this year. As a staff we are determined that they will still have a wonderful Christmas experience at Ducklings and they will be making some lovely things to bring home. Please let me know if you have any further ideas to add. Thank you for your continued support and please don't hesitate in coming to see me if you have any questions regarding any of the above.

**Mrs Homer**