



The Duckling Nursery Ltd
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Newsletter 2021/J

Covid update

Please can I remind you that the guidance from the DfE remains the same and if your child has covid symptoms, has a positive test or is required to isolate they cannot attend nursery. Children under 18 and those people fully vaccinated do not now need to isolate if they have been in close contact with a positive case including a household family member. The nursery will continue to be vigilant in order to protect children and staff from possible infection. We have been quiet the past few weeks as we have had many children with very nasty coughs and colds, as well as a sickness bug and chicken pox who have been unable to attend. Due to the past eighteen months the children's resistance to infection appears to be very low. Fingers crossed they will all begin to build up their immunity very soon. Many thanks to everyone for their support and care for each other.

Duckling news

Wow what a wonderful start to the new term. All our new little Ducklings have now settled with the support and care of the staff and the kindness from other Ducklings. It is really lovely to see the little ones being guided and helped by their peers when they are unsure of what to do. Our topic for the term has really taken off with a bang. The children began the term talking about how important their families and friends are to them. They then moved onto our sporting heroes celebrating their achievements and even having a try at some sports. After watching some seated volleyball I believe their attempt at the game was a real winner and great fun. During the artist week it was inspiring to see the children learning about the Mona Lisa and how important this piece of artwork is, to then find it had been stolen from the nursery. Observing them join together as a team solving clues to track it down was an absolute joy to watch. Mrs Moore turned robber for the afternoon and was discovered hiding up a tree clutching the stolen Mona Lisa. We were very lenient with her sentence as she apologised and gave it back to the nursery. This week the children have been learning about our amazing emergency services making their own police badges, matching numbered and coloured plasters to corresponding wounds and enjoying a visit from a fire fighter (a child's Daddy). There is much more to come before half term when the children will be learning about environmentalists and inventors. Attached to this newsletter is a message tag. We would love to hear about the children's achievements and kindness outside of nursery no matter how small they may seem. Please bring your tags back into nursery and we will share them all together.

Harvest Collection

We have had a fantastic response to our harvest collection week. There is a very small local food bank in Ongar called The Porch Pantry. It is currently almost empty and badly needs replenishing. Your donations will now go to the pantry rather than the original Chelmsford food bank and I am sure they will be very gratefully received.

Thank you everyone.

Duckling snack

We have made a change to the nursery snack and will now only be offering fruit at snack time. Since the new term many children are finding it quite tricky finishing their lunch and the reason for this maybe that their tummies are full from snack time. Offering only fruit is also a much healthier option and one that continues into their school life. Please can we request that children have water rather than juice or squash in their water bottles?

Reminders

Please can all clothing (including shoes), lunch boxes and water bottles be clearly named as the children are not always sure what does and doesn't belong to them. As the colder weather approaches hats, scarves and gloves must also be named. Gloves can be attached with ribbon and threaded through the coat sleeves.

Also can I remind you that grapes need to be cut in half and eggs, nuts or foods containing nuts are not to be included in lunch boxes.

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