



**The Duckling Nursery Ltd**  
**Writtle Infant School**  
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## **Newsletter 2021/K**

### **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. Please note that if your child has a new cough or a temperature we are now asking for them to take a lateral flow test before attending nursery. Children under 18 and those people fully vaccinated do not need to isolate if they have been in close contact with a positive case including a household family member. During the half term break I have been quite poorly with covid and I will not be returning to Ducklings until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November when my isolation period ends. Due to this the nursery will continue to be vigilant in order to protect children, families and staff from possible infection. Please can I ask everyone to adhere to the following guidance:

Use the antibac hand sanitiser provided on the table by the gate before entering the nursery.

Keep your distance when waiting to come into nursery and wherever possible children to come in independently.

One family only in the cloakroom at any one time.

Mask wearing is encouraged if you are coming into the nursery.

**Many thanks to everyone for their support and care for each other.**

### **Duckling topic**

Our important people topic begins this half term with Kings and Queens (leaders), followed by Chefs, Musical Legends, Idols/Religions, Entertainment and finally Ground Breaking People. I think it's going to be a very busy exciting half term. We would love the children to bring in any topic related resources that they could share with Duckling staff and their friends.

### **Autumn/Christmas Fayre-Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (3.30-5.30)**

We are very excited about our fayre as it is our first event at Ducklings for almost two years however we do need your support.

Please can I remind you that we would love you to donate the following:

Full bottles of wine and empty screw top wine bottles

New/nearly new soft toys

Wrapped sweets/chocolates

Unwanted new/nearly new gifts for Mums and Dads secret Santa

A small Christmas food item for our Christmas hamper tombola

Homemade cakes/biscuit/mince pies etc. Please bring on the day or a couple of days before. Can you let me know if you will be making cakes and if you can help at all on the day?

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 8pm at The Rose and Crown in Writtle. We would love to have others join us.

### **Reminders**

Please can I remind you again that 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. We have recently been having quite a few toys brought into nursery. Please can we request that unless they are comforters or topic related resources that all toys stay at home as they sometimes get lost or damaged.

### **Tapestry**

We have had some wonderful positive comments from parents regarding tapestry. I love reading the observations and looking at the photos put on by the staff and also hearing about what the children have been doing at home. Beautiful memories and journals are being created.

**Mrs Homer**

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