



The Duckling Nursery Ltd
Writtle Infant School
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Newsletter 2022/B

Welcome and goodbye

We welcome a new little duckling this week. Dottie is joining us and we wish her many happy times at Ducklings. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Suckling at the end of this half term. She has decided to move onto pastures new and we wish her good luck for the future.

Covid update

We have yet another update on the rules and regulations concerning COVID/OMICRON. Since Wednesday 22/12 the 10 day self-isolation period had been reduced to 7 days if you have negative LFD tests on both day 6 and day 7. This has now been reduced. If your child tests positive on a LFD test, they should begin their isolation immediately, however if they get a negative LFD test on day 5 and 6 (24 hours apart) they can then return to Ducklings on day 6. If they continue to test positive, they must isolate for a full 10 days. We have seen a significant increase in positive cases in both children and staff at Ducklings and both the Infant and Junior schools. It is now higher than any time during the pandemic.

Therefore until otherwise advised I ask everyone to adhere to the following guidance:

Please wear masks when coming through the gate onto nursery premises.

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 allowed in the cloakroom at any one time.

Plan B rules and regulations were lifted last week and hopefully we are seeing a more normal way of life returning.

As always I thank everyone for their continued support and care for each other.

Duckling sponsor challenge

Please don't forget our sponsored HIIT challenge is taking place during the week beginning 7th February. We would love to see the children in sport/dance clothes ready to stretch, exercise and get energised. We really want to raise as much money as possible for Ellis and his family so I hope those sponsor forms are filling up fast.

Fashion week

Miss Mattacks is holding a Duckling fashion week from 21st -25th February (the first week after half term). She would like all children to bring in one item of clothing that can be re-designed and any unwanted bed sheets will be gratefully received. Please can these items be brought into nursery during the next two weeks ready to be used after half term? A last request, does anyone have a mannequin that Miss Mattacks can borrow for the week?

Friends of Ducklings

Our meeting was held last Tuesday and we are already beginning to organise our Duckling family day which will be held on Sunday 22nd May. In the past this has always been a really well supported successful day. The children will be doing a little surprise performance for you during the afternoon. Further details and a booking slip will follow but don't forget to pop this date in your diary.

Summer holiday club

We will be running our summer holiday club again this year. The dates are the week beginning 8th August and the week beginning 22nd August. The daily rate is £30 and the times are 9am - 3pm. The club has always been very popular in the past so book your places as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you require further information regarding summer club please come and see me.

Parent/Carer Agreement Forms

Please can you return your completed parent/carers form ASAP as they are needed to confirm your government funding. Once again please can you name all items of clothing including shoes and especially coats, gloves hats and scarves, lunch boxes and water bottles?

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