



The Duckling Nursery Ltd
Writtle Infant School
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Newsletter 2023/J

Settling in

What a wonderful first half term we've had and it is lovely to see that all our new little Ducklings have settled in beautifully. Our Ducklings who have returned after the summer have been so very kind, caring and helpful to their new friends. They have taken on their responsibilities as being the older children with such energy and enthusiasm. The topic is proving to be great fun and very informative to both children and staff. We feel as a team that children are never too young to learn about our differences and similarities and also to think about how we may be feeling at different times during a day. Happy times and smiley faces are always the best however learning about our other emotions and showing empathy with others is crucial to children's development.

Harvest collection

Thank you everyone for your wonderful harvest donations. As in previous years I will be taking everything to the small food bank (pantry in the porch) in Ongar. I know that the goods will be so gratefully received.

Yellow Stars

We have attached a yellow star and would love them to be returned with any achievement however small that the children have mastered. These will be shared with their teachers and friends and then displayed in the nursery.

Tapestry

Hopefully now everyone is able to access their tapestry accounts. The staff have posted some beautiful photos and observations and would love to hear your comments. Also they would love to hear about your fun activities and adventures outside of Ducklings. These are always lovely to share with the children during a nursery day.

Drop offs and collection

Please can I remind you to be on time when dropping the children to nursery and when collecting them at the end of their day unless you have spoken to me about other arrangements. Also, if children are bringing toys with them can you ensure these are popped in their bags before coming into nursery.

Friends of Ducklings

We had our first meeting of the term on Tuesday and it was lovely to have some new parents join us. We are busy organising our Autumn/Christmas Fayre for Friday 24th November at the Writtle village hall. Attached to this letter you will find a list of donations that we would love you all to help us with. We also need your help with setting up 1pm onwards, manning a stall and help clearing away at the end of the day. Please can you let me know if you are able to help on the day and I thank everyone in advance as without your help these events would not be able to go ahead. We are also hoping to organise a quiz night during the spring term. We will keep you updated with times, dates and arrangements as soon as these are confirmed.

We have just spent some of the money that was raised from last year's events on a new cooker and cooker stand and also another little sofa to complete our reading area. We always love to hear of any ideas of resources that we could buy for the children so please let us know your thoughts.

Christmas holiday club

The staff are still hoping to run a holiday club on January 3rd, 4th and 5th. If you are interested in this please can you let me know as soon as possible?

Hairdressing/makeup and jewellery

The children love to play in the hairdressing/makeup and jewellery areas. Sadly, our resources have been slowly depleted over time. If you have anything you can donate to us we would be very grateful.

Nursery contact numbers

I am not in nursery on Mondays or Fridays. Please contact Mrs Park - 07967054184 or Mrs Moore - 07595286449 on these days. Working hours only please.

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