

Nursery news

16 Sep 2020

Coin Street 

Dear Parents and Carers,

The start of a new term has brought about a lot of change for some of our children.

Children may have moved room, returned to us after the summer break or maybe even just started nursery with us.

To help children and parents cope with this we always go back to basics! By spending time reinforcing routines, supporting children to develop their self-care, resilience and self-regulation skills children quickly settle in. So, if your child is feeling a little reluctant to come to nursery, please don't worry as this is all part of settling into new routines and getting used to change. Please be reminded that the nursery will be observing the bank holiday for the funeral of her majesty the Queen Elizabeth II on Monday 19th September, may she rest in peace.

Nursery Welcome Picnic

The day was a resounding success with 150 children, adults, and staff in attendance. Some past nursery pupils and new families due to start with us popped in to say hello.

It really made the day feel like a family get together.

So, thank you all for coming and making the day special.

The day wouldn't have been a success without my lovely staff team, so thanks to all of them for giving up their Saturday to come and meet with you all. I do know that it made their day to hear directly from parents and carers how much they were appreciated. It was nice to hear that the care and education they provide for your child is making a real difference to their lives.

A special thankyou goes out to our chef Simon, who served up a veritable feast for all our guests.

His home-made Spaghetti bolognese, focaccia bread and carrot cake were super tasty.

We know you it was enjoyed by all as there was very little waste and no leftovers!

There was a real buzz about the event and one we will be making into an annual event every September.



Fundraising target

At the picnic one of our families had the idea to support our fundraising efforts by running a Lemonade stall. It was a great family effort and one that helped us get closer to our target by raising an extra £210. Thank you so much to Victoria, Gloria, Alexandra and Andrei.

This means we only have £390 to go to get to our target of £1,500.

If you didn't have a chance to buy a glass of lemonade or would like to support our efforts, then please use the following link to add to the funds raised so far.

<https://www.justgiving.com/coinstreet>

All donations are welcome and thanks to everyone that has supported this effort so far.

Inset Day

We often get asked what we do on inset days. Inset days are our only chance to come together as a team to share in training, ideas and develop ideas and plans for the future.

At our inset day on Wednesday we used the time to get ready for our next OFSTED inspection, which is likely to take place anytime over the next 6 months.

We are fortunate to have a trained and practicing inspector in house, so we used her skills to help take us through our paces on Tuesday, using the time to reflect on what she saw on Wednesday.

Let's just say, Rehema is very good at role play and she gave us a good idea of what to expect. We're pleased to say that the feedback she gave left us feeling confident that we are ready for when we get

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the real inspection. Thanks to the parents that spoke to Rehema on the day. Parent partnership is an important part of any inspection and it was good to hear that this was an area of strength for us.

Good News – Free Gym membership at Columbo for all nursery parents

Thanks to our close working relationship with Columbo gym we have secured FREE gym membership for all our parents. I will send out further information over the next week of how to access your FREE membership.

Family App update

Thank you for your patience as we get to grips with using the new app. Eileen and I have been updating any glitches in the records and have sent emails inviting parents to download the parent app. Most parents have now completed this. If you haven't managed to download the app or need some support to do so, then please let us know and we will try to assist.

Staff are starting to use the app to share photos and information with parents. Please bear with them as the system is a little different, but hopefully they will all have the hang of it by the end of next week.

Invoice delays

Tom has been off on leave for the past few weeks. He will be back on Tuesday 20th September and will aim to get invoices out next week. Sorry for the delay.

Important dates for your diary.

Please can you save the following dates:

Friday 7 October	Nursery closed Coin Street Inset Day (for whole organisation)
24 th – 28 th October	Half term holiday for term time only children
Friday 23 rd December	Nursery closing at 2pm for Christmas break
Tuesday 3 rd January	Nursery reopens after the Christmas break
Tuesday 24 th January	Nursery closed Coin Street Inset Day (for whole organisation)
13 th – 17 th February	Half term holiday for term time only children
Thursday 2 nd March	Nursery closed for Nursery Inset day

Please be aware that there is still one more additional Coin Street inset day to be added before the end of the financial year

Thank you for your support
Jane and the Nursery team