

# Whitecross Nursery School Newsletter

October 2020



**WHITECROSS  
NURSERY SCHOOL**

## Autumn Term 1

### Update

Dear Parents/Carers

We are so delighted with how well our children have settled during the first half term in nursery. Moving around the school, watching and talking to busy children engaging in a wide range of high quality learning opportunities, is a real privilege for all staff.

Many thanks for all of your wonderful support sending bags of spare clothes, wellies, waterproof trousers and coats. Despite the pandemic, we are continuing to operate as normally as possible and the smiling faces of children around nursery makes everything worthwhile.

Claire FitzPatrick  
Headteacher

### Other Reminders

\* It is important that you provide school with the relevant details of who is collecting your child from school. Please inform any member of staff of any changes to the routine. We cannot send children home with adults we were not expecting to collect them. Also a reminder that if you are late to collect your child then we will place them in the care of the after school club and you will be charged for the session they spend there.

\* Please ask any member of staff if there is anything you need to know. You can email school at [admin@whitecross.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whitecross.derby.sch.uk) or telephone to talk to us any time, before or after your nursery session.

\* All clothes, bags, coats, shoes, and wellies should be clearly labelled with your child's name. If they are not labelled we cannot guarantee that they will come home with the right clothes. Also if it is written in, please check it regularly as they can wash out!

**If your child is absent from school, please inform the school office by 9.15am on the first morning of their absence.**

**If your child has suffered from sickness or diarrhea, they must be kept off school for 48 hours.**

**The germ can remain in their body even if they feel well and easily spread around the children and staff.**

## Outdoor Learning

We have been enjoying some good weather at the start of the term but it starting become colder and we expect more wet weather. Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat each day and if you have them, please send your child in waterproof trousers, as all children will learn outside each day no matter whatever the weather.

Please support your child in learning how to put on their coat and trousers and fasten their own coat independently. Practice with hats and gloves will also be helpful. Giving children independence with dressing and undressing is a key part of the physical learning curriculum.

Please send wellingtons daily or feel free to even leave them under your child's peg each day for them to use for outdoor play. Shoes should fasten with Velcro if possible rather than laces to help children to swap between shoes and wellies independently.

# Nursery Lunchtimes

## *Our routines*

Most of our children have been enjoying their school lunches and snacks. Each family will receive a new autumn menu which you can look at with your child.

The children are supported to cut up their lunch and try a range of foods. If your child is not eating well, we will inform you with a lunchtime slip. If you don't receive a note, then your child will be happily enjoying their lunch.

Please inform the office of any allergies, dietary requirements or religious reasons for not eating any specific foods.

## *Harvest*

After the half term break the children will be learning about the changing seasons and weather.

We will also consider how it is time to help people less fortunate than ourselves.

We are going to make a food donation to help the homeless in Derby. If you can, please send tinned or dried food donations into Nursery on your child's first session back.

Hopefully we will create a wonderful donation to share with our community.



## COVID-19

Please do not send your child to school and book a COVID-19 test if they develop:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss or change to their sense of taste and/or smell

Full details of what to do and where to go for advice are available on our website

[www.whitecross.derby.sch.uk](http://www.whitecross.derby.sch.uk) – Our School – COVID-19