



# Avoncroft Nursery Newsletter



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**Congratulation to Natasha who has passed all Ofsted requirements and is now a partner of Avoncroft Pre-School Nursery.**

**Kate Taylor has been promoted to Deputy Manager to provide cover if either of the partners are off site.**

## **September 2017**

Welcome to the 'Autumn' Term at Nursery and a special 'hello' to all our new children (Freya, Noah, Jet and Lilly).

### **Curriculum**

The first week will be used to help the children settle and get used to the nursery routines.

We are focusing on a colour each week as well as a number. We would like to encourage all the children to bring a labelled toy or item representing the colour of the week for show and tell from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of September**. Extra details to be posted at the end of the week.

**All new parents should have seen or had a hard copy of the following:-**

**Starting Information**

**Term Dates**

**Allergy Information**

**Payment Information**

**All parents should have access to the following:-**

**Parent information on Website**

**Newsletter**

**Hot Dinner Menu**

**Permission to use Tapestry (Forms will be given out at nursery, they need to be signed and returned after reading the policy on the website)**

**New administering medication Forms**

A form is required for any medication to be used whether prescribed or non-prescribed. You can find it on the website, in case you need to fill it in, to save time, prior to us administering the medication. If your child uses an inhaler one of the new forms will also need to be completed.

### **Snack and Lunch Time**

All the children should have a labelled piece of fruit required for morning and afternoon sessions.

The big buzz from Ofsted now is Physical Education and Healthier Eating, so over the next weeks we will be focussing on exercise and healthy choices.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/healthier-lunchboxes>

If staying for lunch we would suggest the following items in the lunch box

- ensure perishable contents of packed lunches contain an ice pack to keep food cool
- Sandwiches with a healthy filling, fruit, and milk based deserts such as yoghurt or crème fraiche with spoon.
- We discourage sweet drinks and can provide children with water or milk.
- We discourage packed lunch contents that consist largely of crisps, processed foods, and sweet products such as cakes or biscuits.

Due to allergies in the setting we would appreciate it if you can avoid sending peaches or any peach products such as yoghurts.

A Hot Dinner menu will be displayed so allowing parents to choose when and what days they require hot food for their children.

If you require Sweatshirts or T-shirts please let us know what you require and we will place an order. Priced £12 and £8.50 cash or cheque (Add £2 for processing of the cheque).

Children should be collected promptly throughout the week as the Staff have their own children to collect from school. Please telephone if you are running late so that arrangements can be made.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

<b><u>Autumn Term 2017</u></b> (14 week Term)			
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September		Term Starts	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October (inclusive)		Half-term	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party and	End of Autumn Term	
<b>Animal Mania</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b> <b>Children going to school 2018</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.30 – 11.15</b>
<b>Christmas Concert</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 All Children	Thursday	1.45 (2.00 start)
<b>Christmas Party</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 All children	Friday	12.00 – (2.15 Santa)

Please ensure all children have names in their coats and their wellingtons every day. When the weather is good, sun cream must be applied prior to coming to nursery. If your child is at nursery all day please supply a labelled bottle of sun cream in their bags.

I will be asking every parent to check their contact details are correct.  
Please fill in a Holiday Form to tell us of your Child's absence from Nursery.  
Please text or phone to let us know if your child is not attending due to illness (07749477553).

### **Collection Book**

The collection book will need to be filled in when anyone other than the nominated (authorized) person / people recorded on the registration document collect your child.  
Extra information is recorded and we will need the book signed by the person who picks up the child.

### **Safeguarding**

All volunteers, trainees or outside professionals brought in to help will have been vetted through the DBS system and/or will be under direct supervision at all times. The gate will be locked by 10 '0' clock hopefully after all the children have arrived. Please ring the bell if you need assistance.

## **For all new parents**

More detailed information about routines can be accessed in our on-line prospectus.

You will need two pieces of labelled fruit if your child stays all day, one for the morning and one for the afternoon.

The water bottles are kept in a tray accessible to the children – we suggest buying one of our own so that they get used to looking for his/her name, we also include a sticker for recognition purposes to help them.

At snack time, we help them pour water or milk into a cup to drink depending on what they require; they can also have milk at lunchtime and afternoon snack.

We are not allowed to provide squash due to Healthy Eating requirements and the amount of sugar they contain.

We ask you to bring a pair of wellingtons to be left at the nursery. There is a slot in line with their coat pegs at floor level. We love them to go outside but sometimes the grass is wet.

The named lunch boxes are placed in any of the slots in the cloakroom and when you return his/her name will show you where the lunchbox plus any artwork etc will be ready to be collected.

We get the children to eat their sandwiches or pasta or pitta first as they do at school.

We try and ask for parents to avoid things like sweets and keep to healthy options. There is a member of staff at each table to help open boxes etc.

I personally would avoid squeeze drinks with straws, or yoghurts that squirt. Water bottles can be used throughout the day.

A bag of spare clothes etc, comfort blanket can be left on their pegs.

Sun cream is removed from their bag and put in a tray for those sunny days.

The policies can be read on-line from the website - [www.avoncroftpreschoolnursery.co.uk](http://www.avoncroftpreschoolnursery.co.uk)

I'm sure your child will settle in well, you can stay as long as you require or drop off and leave straight away.

The only thing I would ask is to label everything.