

September 2019

Newsletter

Rickmansworth  
Nursery School



Autumn term

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Dear Parents

We would like to welcome back children and their families after the summer break and give a warm welcome to our new children and their families.

Our areas of interest for this term are 'Transport', autumn activities, Hanukah and Christmas. More details of these can be found on the notice board in the entrance lobby. You will also find information about the ways in which we cover the areas of learning each week as well as the themes for the week (display table, sounds and numbers - see attached). Children are invited to bring things from home for the display table. We have a 'show and tell' session each day to look at these items and to award stickers for children who have contributed. The detailed planning for each week can be viewed on the notice board just inside the classroom. If there is anything you are not sure about, please come and talk to any member of staff.

Dates for your diary

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Stay and Play Macmillan bring and buy cake sale

**Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> October 8.00 pm**

AGM (letter coming soon)

**28<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.**

**Half term**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Photographer – individual and family photos  
From 8.15 am

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas performance\*  
Children need to be in nursery 9.00 - 11.00 am

**The nursery will close at 11am on this day – please arrange for your child to be collected.**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**End of term**

Christmas party 9am – 11am  
\*More details to follow

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Spring term starts**

Macmillan bring and buy cake sale (Stay and Play)

We are hosting our Macmillan "Coffee" Morning between 9am and 10am after drop off. It provides a wonderful opportunity to get together to have a chat and see your children in their nursery and to raise money for a good cause.

AGM - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 8.00 pm

Please do try to come to this event. We would like to see as many of you as can possibly attend. Maintaining high standards at our nursery is important and your support is essential. The evening will be informal and is a great opportunity to meet other parents.

## Consultations

This term we will be inviting parents to a meeting with their child's key person to discuss progress at nursery and at home and to plan 'what's next?' For parents of any new children who have started this term these consultations will take place within the next few weeks and will focus on how your child is settling and the routine of the nursery. Please see your child's key person to arrange an appointment.

## Nursery books

We want you to enjoy looking at your children's nursery books. They will always be available during consultations and are usually on display in the classroom. You may also sign them out and take them home for a few days. Please do send in contributions from home to show a more complete record of your children's activities, interests and achievements. This is an Ofsted target for us and we would like to achieve 100% of parents adding to the books with at least one item per term. If you haven't contributed to your child's record, please pick up a 'wow' sheet from the entrance or perhaps send a photo or piece of art work to add to the book.

## Individual and family photographs Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Our regular professional photographer Frances Berger, who is very popular with our parents, will be coming on Wednesday 6th November. She will be taking family and individual photos from 8.15am until about 11.00am. The proofs will be available a few days later.

## Clothing and Cold weather

We aim to help the children to become independent in changing their shoes and in taking off and putting on coats and jackets. We will start this learning as soon as the children start here and would ask you to support us by continuing this learning at home. Shoes with Velcro fasteners are ideal for encouraging this independence.

Please make sure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing; coat, hat and gloves/mittens for when the weather gets colder. We always have outdoor play both in the garden and on the tennis courts and it can often feel colder because of our exposed location. Please label your child's coat as it is very difficult to match child with garment when coats are moved around the nursery.

[On cooler mornings please bring their jacket/coat to the classroom for garden play.](#)

## Parent helpers in the nursery

Parents are always welcome to help in the nursery or to visit. If you would like to come in please see a member of staff to arrange a convenient time. If you would like to be a regular helper it is better when your child is fully settled in the nursery and will not be affected by you being here.

## Parking and permits

The car park at the pavilion is designated as a Park Road resident's parking space. The residents pay for a yearly permit. We are fortunate that the council allows us to use the car park and to issue our own free permits. Please remember to always display your permit and to be considerate to the local residents.

## Parent contact list

I will be distributing the parent contact list soon.

Thank you  
Jane