



Autumn Term 2019 No 1

## WINDOW ON OUR WORLD



### Welcome Back

Welcome back after the summer break and we hope you are refreshed and raring to go. For those of you new to our school we welcome you and look forward to getting to know the children and their families.

During the first two weeks we are revisiting boundaries and routines and getting to know each other. Our value this term is 'Caring' so we encourage our existing children to help care for the new children and help those who struggle with settling in. We will also be caring for our immediate environment, the school and garden, and the bigger community. This term we usually get involved with Children in Need and have some sort of collection to help others nearer Christmas. We will keep you posted!

### Reception

As you will have seen we have made some changes through the holidays and reception is now in the main entrance to nursery. Everyone will use this entrance on arrival. Should you need to speak to Louise on reception could you please avoid stopping off at the reception window during the busy times.

We are monitoring pick up time to find the best way forward and may adapt and change once we find what works best. If you need to pick up early please speak to your child's keyworker to arrange the best time to avoid disrupting story time.



### Planning

Our theme this term is 'Trees and Wood' and we are starting the term looking at The Harvest and in particular fruit trees. We shall be exploring woodland life and using the natural resources that we are fortunate to be surrounded by at The Lawns. We will have fun as the seasons change exploring colour, dark, road safety, hibernation, Diwali, pumpkins and bonfires, etc. Our planning is very flexible and should something come up we will adapt and go with the children's interest.

**Reminder:** If your child stays for lunch please remember we are a 'Nut Free' school. If you are unsure about any other issues relating to Allergies please speak to your child's key worker.

## Spare Clothes

Please send your child's spare clothes in a clearly named drawstring bag. Unfortunately backpacks take up too much room on the pegs which in turn cause coats to fall off. Our main aim is to encourage the children's independence. As the weather changes it will become more difficult for children to achieve this as coats will not stay on the pegs when they are full.

## Wellies



As the weather changes it will be necessary for children to wear their wellies. They can be left at school but please ensure they are clearly named (check them from time to time to see the name remains clear and they still fit!). It's a good idea to talk to your child about their coats and wellies to help them with recognition as we often find the children are unsure what their belongings look like.



## Core Books

Our core books this term are 'Owl Babies' in the Nursery class and 'Walking through the Jungle' in Saplings. We will be planning lots of activities around these two stories.



## Friends of The Lawns

If you would like to join the PTA, their first meeting is on Tuesday 17th September at 9.15am (just sign in at Reception). All welcome.

And their first event this term is a cake stall on Tuesday 24th September, raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support. Donations of cakes can be brought to Nursery on the morning.

Please check out their new Facebook page for more info.

## Achievement Tree

In Nursery we celebrate children's achievements, big and small.

Please feel free to complete a slip and share with your child's key worker.



**Dates for you diary:** an academic calendar is available on our website: [www.thelawnsbiggleswade.org](http://www.thelawnsbiggleswade.org)

### Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September - Friday 20th December

Half Term: Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October

### Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April

Half Term: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Please be advised that the 2020 bank holiday 'May Day' has been moved from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May as a national celebration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

### Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 21st April - Friday 17th July

Half Term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

### Remaining Insed Days

Monday 28th October 2019

Friday 3rd January 2020

Monday 20th April 2020

**Was your child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016?**  
They will start school in September 2020, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2020.

Apply online at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school or by contacting School Admissions [admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) 0300 300 8037

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