

## Banbury School Day Nursery Newsletter

2nd September 2022



### DATES OF NURSERY CLOSURE IN 2022

We are closed:

16th December 2022 - Last day of term before Christmas, we will close at 5.30pm

Nursery will re-open Tuesday 3rd January 2023

**Andrea will be away from the 12th to the 19th September, if you have any problems or need to speak to someone during this time please contact Lorraine or Aaron.**

### Funded children

If your child receives the government funded childcare vouchers, forms are currently being sent home for you to complete and return, this is to ensure that we can keep claiming the vouchers/your child's funding. Please can these be returned as soon as possible to Aaron. Also if your form says 'birth certificate' at the top, please bring this in along with the form so that Aaron can confirm the date of birth is correct (not every child needs this brought in - it will be written at the top of the form if required).

### Parents evening

Andrea is planning for the next parents evening to take place in October, she is currently trying to arrange with the school site a day that suits them to stay open and we will inform you of the date as soon as possible.

## Sessions

Nursery sessions are now all fully booked and any changes to sessions/increase in days (pre-discussed and confirmed) will begin next week commencing 5th September. We will not be able to let parents swap sessions and all sessions booked are charged for, we cannot offer reductions in fees or swap a session to another day if they are not attended.

Along with this, please let the nursery know as far in advance as possible if your child will not be attending their booked sessions, for example if you will be going on holiday or if your child is poorly.

Also when dropping your child off please let us know (or alternatively you can email Andrea) if there is anything that may be affecting your child, for example if they have had a bad night sleep, any changes in routine or at home that may be impacting how they are feeling when they come into nursery.

Please can you let us know about any celebrations within your family/at home that we can celebrate with your child at nursery too; and if you are happy to provide family photos from holidays or celebrations this would be appreciated for a display and referencing with the children (this is for all of the rooms at nursery).

## Staff

We have a few new members of staff starting at nursery across all of the rooms as from next week, they will be introduced to parents over the next few weeks and you will get a chance to meet them at handover.

### School applications - preschool children

For the children in our preschool room who will be going to school next year - this is the case if your child will turn 4 on or before 31st August 2023 - applications will soon be opening for you to apply for their primary school place. Information and key dates can be found here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications> (the website currently still has the dates for 2022 school starters but it will be updated soon).

### Theme bases

As we are now entering the start of the new school year and first term, we will begin our theme bases and focus activities. For the next two weeks, this will be 'All About Me', which will allow the staff to learn more about the new children that have moved up to their new rooms, as well as finding similarities and differences between their friends.

If there is anything that your child has a real interest in (e.g. space, animals etc) or toys or books that your child really likes at home and you think could be involved into the planning of themes at nursery please let a member of staff in your child's room know and they can incorporate this into a theme base over the next few months.

Children in the preschool will also begin doing a focus letter and sounds (phonics) activity and maths activity every day, they will do this in their key groups with their key worker and practise different skills that will help their learning and development.

### Meal/food times at nursery

As of the new term starting next week we are changing what we offer to the children at breakfast and snack times, please see the

photo below for what will now be offered. When yoghurt is provided it will be **dairy free**.

All children over 1 will be offered breakfast, any children under 1 we would politely ask you to provide something for them to be given, or if not we will give them nursery cereal but with water instead.

Snack chart. Week 1 5th Sept /19th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shreddies	Yoghurt with honey and fruit	Rice Krispies	Cheerios	Weetabix
Am : Whole piece of fruit				
Pm: 1/2 piece of fruit				
Crackers with cheesespread	Breadstick with hummous	Crackerbread with butter	Rice cakes with cheese pieces	Oatcakes Ham slices
Cherry tomatoes	Cucumber	Peppers	Cheese savouries	Grapes lengthways

Snack chart Week 2. 12th Sept /26th Sept

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weetabix	Shreddies	Yoghurt with fruit and honey	Rice Krispies	Cheerios
Am : Whole piece of fruit				
Pm: 1/2 piece of fruit				
Crackerbread with butter	Crackers with cheesespread	Oatcakes Ham slices	Breadstick with hummous	Rice cakes with cheese pieces
Peppers	Cherry tomatoes	Grapes lengthways	Cucumber	Cheese savouries

If your child attends a full day session (8:00am-5:30pm), they will be offered cereal in the morning when they arrive (up until 9am), then a whole piece of fruit at 10:30am, their packed lunch at 12pm, then their afternoon snack (as seen on the picture above) at 3pm, and a breadstick or rice cake at 5pm.

If your child does a short day session (8:00am-2:45pm), they will be offered cereal on arrival, the morning snack and then their packed lunch.

Please remember to include ice packs in your child's packed lunch, even if they don't have refrigerated items, please also remember

cutlery and spoons for yoghurts as (especially in the preschool room) they do not have spare cutlery to provide if your child doesn't have any.

We know it can be tricky deciding what to pack for your child's lunch especially if they are a fussy eater, but along with recommendations from our Healthy Smiles Training, we encourage you not to pack sugary snacks such as cookies, cake bars or chocolate; and instead fruit or fruit bars, savoury snacks such as crackers, or hummus/dip and veg sticks or breadsticks.

Some more ideas can be found on these websites:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunch-boxes/>
- <https://www.pampers.co.uk/toddler/nutrition/article/healthy-toddler-lunch-ideas>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/weaning-and-feeding/baby-and-toddler-meal-ideas/>
- <https://www.strong4life.com/en/feeding-and-nutrition/mealtimes/healthy-packed-lunch-ideas-for-2-to-5-year-olds>