



Week Beginning Monday 10th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for our Autumn Term.

If this is your child's first term with us, a very special welcome to Rolfe's Nursery School. Please do let us know if you have any questions (big or small), we will be delighted to help.

Our teachers have spent the last week in school, preparing a number of exciting activities and lessons for the term ahead. Our main focus topics this term will be 'All about me', The Autumn Season, Harvest and Christmas.

We will be sending more information home about our topics in due course.

In the Snail Class and Caterpillar Class our main objectives will be:

- Settling our children into their new classroom environment
- Building confidence when separating from parents and carers
- Developing social interaction skills and forming friendships within the classroom
- Developing sharing and turn taking skills
- Settling into the class routine
- Developing self-help skills
- Implementing the Golden Rules of the classroom

In the Ladybird Class and Bumble Bee Class our main objectives will be:

- Bonding with new teachers and children and settling in to the new class routine
- Independent toileting skills and managing personal hygiene confidently
- Morning Greetings and separating from parents and carers confidently
- Name recognition
- Understanding the rules and routines of the classroom
- Building social skills and confidence
- Learning to 'use our words' to express ourselves
- Self-help skills and independence skills
- Colours and shapes

Mrs Gill in the school office is in the process of collating a contact details list for each class. They will include telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. We hope that this will help you to plan parties and events.

A reminder that party invitations may only be distributed at school, if the whole class is invited. This is because in the past children have become very upset if not invited to a party, making it difficult to understand for young children. Please do not feel obliged to invite the whole class, you may wish to distribute party invitations to a limited number of children in a sensitive way.

Many parents send in little cupcakes to share in class if you would prefer a more low key approach. Please note that many bakeries are not nut free, please telephone the school office if you would like advice on sourcing nut free cakes.

It does not take long for children to settle and relax into their new school routine; we always have a few tears at the beginning of the school year. Please try not to worry, children always settle down, make new friends and quickly become familiar with life at Rolfe's Nursery School.

As parents you will also need to offer yourself extra kindness, as the beginning of any school year can be challenging, tiring and we all need a little bit of time to settle back into school life.

Our specialist afternoon teaching programme is as follows:

Monday - Drama Class with Theatrebugs (Miss Danielle)

Tuesday - Gym Class with Little Foxes (Coach Nuno)

Wednesday - Music with Miss Sarah

Thursday - Art with Mini Picasso (Miss Patricia)

Friday – Science Club with Little House of Science (Mr Tim)

The whole school will take part in Country Dancing lessons throughout the day on a Friday with Joanna Lundy School of Dance (Miss Sophia).

We also have optional French and ballet classes organised throughout the week. After school ballet classes will resume on the week commencing of Monday 17th September 2017.

Daily Drop-off and Collection Arrangements

Please could I ask parents and drivers not to double park their cars on Oxford Gardens or next door in the carpark, as this does not belong to us. Please also ensure that **all engines are switched off completely, rather than left on idle, when waiting outside of the school building**. This is to protect the air around our school as best we can. Thank you for your support with this.

Please note;

- Please remember to name all of your **child's belongings**, especially clothing, lunchboxes, and cutlery.
- If you would like to purchase additional uniform items, please order them through Perry Uniform directly. The compulsory items of school uniform are a coat, backpack and sports shirt.
- **We have more than one child at Rolfe's Nursery School with a life threatening allergy to nuts. No nuts are permitted of any description at Rolfe's Nursery School, this includes peanut butter. Please also be mindful of hand cream containing nuts. Please also check for traces of nuts, especially in fruit and cereal bars.**
- We have **scooter and buggy sheds** for your convenience. You will find both sheds at the top of the ramp on the left hand side of the building. Shed use will be offered on a first come / first served basis. All items left in the shed are left at your own risk. Please help yourself to the codes which are stored in a labelled tin, outside of the school office.
- We must be informed **immediately** of any **change to contact details** and permissions for child collection e.g. a new nanny.

All young children become unwell from time to time, this is especially common when a child starts a new school or nursery school. Please see below a reminder of our Child Sickness Procedure. Do keep your child at home if they are unwell, this prevents illness from spreading throughout the nursery school.

Please take a note of the required absence for sickness on the following page.

Condition	Required Absence	Condition for Return to School
Vomiting	48 hours minimum	48 hour exclusion to be calculated from the last incident of vomiting.
Diarrhoea	48 hours minimum	48 hour exclusion to be calculated from the last incident of diarrhoea.
Coughs and Colds		Children must stay at home until any running from the nose is minor and runs clear. Children with any serious coughs- especially from the chest must stay at home until recovered.
Head Lice	Exclusion during first application of treatment	Return subject to head check.
Antibiotics	48 hours minimum	Once the doctor has confirmed the child is well enough to return to school.
Chicken Pox	1 week minimum	Children must not return to school until all scabs have crusted over the spots.
Measles (including German)	1 week minimum	
Hand, Foot and Mouth virus		Exclusion until any spots or mouth ulcers have gone.
Conjunctivitis	Exclusion until any excretion from eye is gone.	Once the doctor has confirmed the infection has cleared.
Ring Worm	Seek doctor's diagnosis	Once the doctor has confirmed the infection has cleared.

Bows for Sale

We have bows for the hair and headbands for sale in the school foyer.

The prices are below:

£1.50 Small Bow

£2 Medium Bow

£2.50 Large Bow

£3 Headband

If you would like to purchase a bow or headband please help yourself to the bows and headbands in the foyer and pop the correct change in the labelled tin outside of the school office.

Uniform

The compulsory items of school uniform at Rolfe's Nursery School are a Rolfe's School bag, coat and sports shirt. All of these items can be purchased through Perry Uniform. There are also other items of uniform for sale through Perry Uniform such as a pretty Rolfe's dress, hats and shorts. On special days over the year, children are required to wear uniform to school these include, school photographs, class photographs and occasional trips such as Sports Day.

If you have any questions about anything that we have not mentioned. Please do not hesitate to speak to us.
You may wish to retain this letter for future reference.

With warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria O'Brien". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Victoria" and the last name "O'Brien" clearly legible.

Mrs Victoria O'Brien
Headmistress