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Newsletter Term 1

Welcome to Term 1 of a new nursery year!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our pupils, those returning for their preschool year and those who are starting their nursery year.

We endeavour to follow the children's interests over the nursery year to promote their learning within the setting. We encourage free flow, planned and interest activities to provide a holistic approach to their learning providing a range of opportunities to develop their skills and learning across the curriculum.

There is access to both indoor and outdoor play and therefore encourage all children to have a change of clothing in their bag and a long-sleeved top. All children should have sun cream with their name on it, in their bags to enable us to support your child to put this on and when the winter months arrive it is helpful to have layers of clothing including hats, gloves, scarves.

Lunches

All children are entitled to a free lunch at nursery. We work with the guidance provided to support the children to make choices for their lunches. We do this on arrival in the morning, the children are shown a menu for the day, with pictures to support them to choose what they would like for lunch. They can have a hot dinner or soup and sandwich and a pudding. We make notes on the foods the children have not liked to ensure we encourage them to choose something different for that day. If we find a child does not like the food supplied, we will provide them with something else to ensure they have eaten and should the need arise, we will let you know if a packed lunch may be more appropriate.

Snacks

The government provide a snack for the children in the morning which includes a small carbohydrate, fruit/veg and their milk. If your child stays a full day we will provide them with a healthy snack – fruit, veg, crackers, toast etc, milk/water. We ask for a contribution for this and are asking for 30p per session. As the year goes on if we find that we have money left over from previous terms contributions we will not ask for more and will only ask for a top up where necessary.

Transition

Please know that all parents/carers are welcome to come into the setting in the morning for drop off. We are aware that the space is tight but if you think your child benefits from you taking them into the setting, we are happy for this to happen, we want to make the transition as smooth as possible for both you and your child.

We do ask that you ensure the gate is closed and locked if you leave after a staff member has come inside the setting both in the mornings and afternoon – this is to ensure that

children are kept safe and those dropping off/collecting know where they are – we are regulated by the Care Inspectorate and as such we need to adhere to their guidance.

Sharing Information about your child's learning

We use the children's learning folders to record progress in children's learning and development across their milestones. This usually consists of photographs and 'peedie notes' or learning stories to explain the progress they are making. These are updated frequently. Parents/carers, and children, are welcome to look at these books at any time. They can also be taken home for an evening and brought back the next day.

We use SeeSaw to give more general updates about the life of the Nursery, e.g. interests, activities and experiences the children have been involved in. We try to pop up an update frequently, e.g. at least several times in the term.

Parents/carers can use SeeSaw to get in touch with staff, or please phone the office.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

The Burray Early Years Team