



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Advent 1 Half Termly Newsletter from your Nursery Team

Welcome! We are thrilled you have joined us for our Nursery class 2022-2023. The children have made a fantastic start and we are looking forward to the year ahead. They are settling into their new routines and we are having a wonderful time getting to know all the children. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to us. We are always happy to help.

Let's get started!



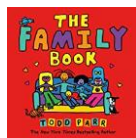
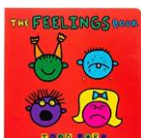
We are so excited to get started! Our first priority this half term is to help your child settle happily into our class. The children are adapting to our new routines and starting to feel very much at home. The children will be encouraged to select their own resources to develop their playing skills to allow them to become confident learners. We will be modelling and showing them how to use a variety of classroom areas and resources such as the mountains, adventure land, tools at the playdough and workshop area. We will also be encouraging friendships and kind behaviour.

We are so proud of all the children as they are coming into Nursery independently and accessing a variety of learning. We will decide on our 'class promises' and ways to follow them over the next few weeks.

The children will be learning how to care and take responsibility for our Nursery environment by learning to 'choose it, use it and put it away'. They will also be looking after our plants, the bug hotel, our class pets: African snails (Stacey and Little Bo Beep) and the tortoise (Big Tom).



The children will be joining group sessions and developing their listening and concentration skills. They will be tuning into different sounds, rhymes and following instructions. The group sessions will include story times. The key texts we will be reading are:



We will also be singing lots of rhymes and action songs, using instruments, using the parachute and lycra for fun active team work!

RE Myself

All of our learning is underpinned by our Catholic faith. Our first topic is 'Myself'. The children will know and understand the importance of their name and that God knows and loves them. We will also be learning our Nursery prayers and how to make the sign of the cross.



PE

We do PE every Monday and Friday. This is physical activity including ball skills, dancing, climbing, running and crawling. To ensure the children can exercise safely, children will need to wear trainers and joggers/leggings.

Homework

Nursery children are given a weekly homework task that will either consolidate or preview learning. The task will be set on a Monday and reviewed the following Monday. This task should take between 5-15 minutes to complete. We also have a library basket of books that you can enjoy at your leisure. Take as many as you would like each week. Please return them once read for others to enjoy.



Take home toys

We have 2 take home toys called Jill and Bill. The aim of the toys are to encourage your child to take responsibility and look after something. They will need to have their teeth brushed and a story before bed! They will visit your



house for 1 night and then returned to Nursery.

Getting to know each other

We will also be learning about each other's families. The children will be sharing who they live with, where they live and what they like to do with their families and people who are special to them.

As part of our learning projects, we would really like a selection of photographs so we can really get to know all our new friends. We would like



- **A family photo**
- **A photo of the front of your house**

We are going to create some fantastic art work from these photos! Please e mail to:

kdickson@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk

It would help the children if you discuss your photographs before they discuss it with their friends at Nursery. This will give them the confidence to talk in front of the group.

Trolley

We now have a communications trolley that will help us stay organised! It will be left outside the Nursery door. Please check the 'beautiful work' box for your child's creations. There is also a box for homework, letters, lost property and a 'bits and bobs' box for items such as the children's spare clothes bags. Please make sure all items are labelled with names so they can swiftly be returned.



Nursery funds

In order for us to make toast on a Friday, make weekly playdough and have interesting snacks and baking activities, we would like to ask for a donation of £1 per half term. There will be a Gruffalo money box on the trolley for you to pay your contribution. We thank you so much for this.



IMPORTANT DATES

4th October 2022 Nursery stay and play. Meet Mrs Dickson at the bottom gate at 2.15pm to come and enjoy a play in Nursery, look at all the children's amazing work on the displays and let the children show you around!

11th October and 13th October Parents evening. More information to follow.

Please note there may be some additional dates and information sent to you via MyEd, which you will receive to your email address that you provided when you filled in the starting school forms