



# The Old School House Nursery

1<sup>st</sup> half Autumn Term 2017 Newsletter

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A Big Welcome to everyone hoping you had a fantastic Summer Break and....

**BIG HELLO to Isaac & Laila who join us this term.**

## Welcome to our new Manager -

Hi, my name is Steph. I feel honoured to have accepted the role as the new Manager for the Old School House Nursery.



I live in Witnesham with my Husband Dave, my children Emily and Oliver (10, 7 years old) our dog Jessie, and our rabbits Max and Nala.

We moved to Suffolk just over a year ago after travelling a lot with my husband's military career.

We are looking forward to spending many more

years here. I love being outdoors and taking Jessie for long walks, when we are not at home you can find us walking the routes in North Wales, one of our favourite places. As well as my background of working in childcare, I also have a background in dance and performing arts. I also enjoy reading and arts and crafts.

If you see me at Nursery please come over and say hi! You will probably find Me either outdoors, covered in glitter and glue or dancing and singing with the children! I will look forward to meeting you all.'

This Term we are looking at the **SEASONS** starting with Summer and what we did in the holidays.

We round off the half term looking at all things **Autumn** from the leaves that fall to rolling conkers.



Looking at what we wear to keep warm & dry.

Don't forget our **Forest School style activities** that take place with Dawn, Charlotte and Heather on a Friday. We go off up the footpath come rain or shine so please remember to have boots and warm waterproof outer coats on your child's peg. If you have an all in one waterproof that would be excellent, although we do have some at Nursery.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the **CASH FOR CLOTHES APPEAL** we had last term. The Nursery raised **£96.00** Look out for another collection shortly.

### Number of the Week

Week beginning Number

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Welcome Back

SUMMER

Settling in

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Sept**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Fire Drill all week

Postcards

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Autumn

HEDGEHOGS

Clay Hedgehogs

Mini Beasts

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Autumn

HARVEST

Harvest Gifts

Farm / Tractors

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

Autumn LEAVES

Mixing Orange/Brown

Leaf Printing

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Autumn SEEDS

Butterfly Garden

Planting

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Autumn CLOTHING

Shaving foam/gloop

Mirrors

Half term ends Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

October 2017 as

PD Day Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term

Week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

October.

Return to Nursery Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

October 2017.

**HALLOWEEN PLAYDAY**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

Committee News –

The Old School House Nursery AGM takes place on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.15pm in Nursery. Please make a date in your diary and come along.

We now have a new Bank Account with Santander and would ask that if you pay online please make alterations to your online banking account.

The Old School House Nursery Account No. 13317768 Sort Code 09-01-29

Don't forget to check out our website for updated fees, times, activities. The Nursery is now able to offer wrap around card 8am – 9am and 3pm – 4 pm. Contact the office if interested.

Thank you.

The Nursery has a Mobile Phone that can be taken out on walks, outings etc. It means we are able to receive TEXTS if this is easier for you. However, you must ensure when texting that you include the child's name and your name in the message.



Our main phone is still the primary contact number for the nursery and has the ability for you to leave a verbal message.

The nursery mobile number is 07954 116861. Also in keeping with our Safeguarding Policy this mobile does not have a camera facility.

Please make a note .....

Half Term ends on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Remember Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October is a PD Day so Nursery will be closed. Nursery returns on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

Term Dates 2017 / 2018		
<b>AUTUMN</b> Term starts Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 PD Days 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept & 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct Half Term: Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - returning Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Term Ends Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> December.	<b>SPRING</b> Term starts Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 PD Day 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan Half Term: Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> February - returning Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> February Term Ends Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>SUMMER</b> Return to Nursery Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> April PD day Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April Half Term: Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May - returning Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June Term Ends Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> July.



HARVEST is now well underway and most of the corn cut and stored away. A time for us to think of others who might need help with food. A basket will be put in the cloakroom to collect 'DRY GOODS' (tins of fruit / tomatoes / beans / packets of biscuits, pasta, bottles of squash, sauce, packets of soup, tea, coffee, jars of jam) on week 3.

All these harvest gifts are then placed in a box with the help of the children and a card is made to take to the local Salvation Army office to get ready for their winter soap kitchens and drop in centres.

They are always so pleased with our gifts and it helps the children understand about helping others. Thank You.

Nursery '**SPECIAL TABLE**' is in the Blue Room - where we meet and chat. Please put items here so we can include them in our discussion with the children. **Please try and link the item to Autumn & number of the week** as this helps the children make connections.

**Hot School Dinners ..... £3.00** (£2.30 plus 70p Handling Fee)  
**Tasty and freshly prepared by Helmingham School**  
**Cooked next door – delivered to Nursery.**

Full Menu on display in the cloakroom – just order on arrival.



**PLAY DAYS** ran during the first 2 weeks of the Summer Holidays when we had fun with the elements – AIR / WATER / EARTH / FIRE

In Week 1 we cooked scones and blackberry crumbles, decorated trees with owls, fished out shells from our water tray, counted Dinosaurs and hid them in the earth, made windmills and splashed in our paddling pool while the turtle squirted water over us!

In Week 2 we cooked multi coloured buns and created face pizzas! We planted cress, had castles with horses and princesses/knights, created masks and had a role play shopping centre. We painted a special box to take home and keep our treasures in.

Look out for our next Playday .....



**Halloween**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**9am - 3pm during the half term holidays**

**Come dressed up in Halloween costume ... lots of activities, fun and toys. £35 for a full day.**

**Look out for the application form - or reserve a place by email.**

We offer **FREE FLOW play** and as such children can choose where they want to be - whatever the weather (within reason !!) so ..... Please provide a coat (warm), hat, gloves and NAME them! We will put a waterproof over the top of the coat if it isn't waterproof. Although Autumn term can still be hot so sun hat, sun cream applied BEFORE coming to nursery. Please also provide a change of clothes hanging on their peg in case of accidents - children are much happier in their own clothes. Please also check your wellington boots for size and holes !!

**BAD WEATHER / SCHOOLS CLOSING** - check the local radio/ websites - we do the same as Helmingham Primary School.

*Don't forget you can book extra sessions if you suddenly have an appointment to go to, need to add on lunch as might need an extra hour to collect. Speak to us - we are more than happy to try and accommodate.*



### Reminder - Nursery hours -

Mon - Fri : Arrival 9 - 9.15 am (when cloakroom door closes).

Collection either at 12 noon or by 3 pm (door opens at 2.50 pm).

Alternatively please ask about our wrap around care of 8am - 9am and 3pm - 4pm

Please ensure you park safely on the road when dropping off and collecting. The car park is signed for staff only and not available to parents.

### Some important reminders -

- Please don't forget to phone in if your child is unwell and will not be coming into nursery. After being sick your child must be kept away for 48 hours from Nursery.
- 4 year old Reading Books need to be regularly returned. Then a new book will be allocated.
- Good idea to put an ice pack in your child's packed lunch.
- Please keep the 'parent communication' sheet in the book bag and don't hesitate to write to us on it. It is lovely to hear if someone has been out for day, seen a grandparent, found something special whilst in the garden.
- If you need to get PVA glue off clothing - only use cold water.
- Please send your child to nursery in clothing that they can get messy and not worry about getting paint, mud etc on it. Also easy clothing for toileting - trousers that just go up and down - EXCELLENT - dungarees with clips the child is unable to unfasten quickly can cause upsets when they want to be more independent - same applies to footwear.
- Please remember that when your child arrives at Nursery they need to be registered with the Playleader on the door.
- It is extremely important that at this time any **Existing Injuries** are pointed out and in some cases it might be necessary to fill out an Existing Injury Form.

With winter coming please don't forget to provide a pair of plimsolls or slippers for indoor wear. Children can then change into these and be more comfortable and relaxed as they negotiate their way around the nursery.



**Please remember a full set of the Nursery Policies and Procedures are available to parents in the cloakroom area at all times.**

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My Learning Journey Your child's folder is available for you to see. If you wish to take it home to share with other relations please don't hesitate to ask.

If you have something for the next Newsletter or have an idea we could include *please let Heather* know before we break for half term or email it to nursery for her attention.

Please check out our website and any suggestions, changes needed please *contact Heather* at Nursery.

Look out for the new Gardening Rota - any queries please *contact Charlotte* at Nursery.

**Are you helping raise funds for Nursery when on-line shopping ???**

Remember all you need to do is to log on to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oshnstowmarket>

we are already generating monies so join us today.

See card attached to your child's book bag !



NEW for after Half Term .... Look out for more details of a COME AND PLAY session in the afternoon with Steph. Open to Parents and Toddlers... chance to play, sing and chat with others.

Some proposed advance nursery dates ... (not confirmed yet)

Nativity Play (Framsden Baptist Church)

Practise Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December with performance on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Children's Christmas Party (Coach House, Helmingham Hall) Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

