



The Old School House Nursery

2nd half Autumn/Winter Term 2017 Newsletter

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A warm welcome back to everyone and also welcome to **Tabitha, Lucy Evans, Albie, George and Lucy Bridgeman** who have joined us during last term.

We start this term by continuing our look at **The Seasons** - leading us nicely into **WINTER** and all things **Christmas!**



We start making our special OSHN Mincemeat with lots of weighing, mixing and spooning. Using all our senses to smell the delightful lemons and oranges being squeezed. Donations of ingredients are really welcomed and look out for the order forms in book bags.

Alongside all this will be activities, crafts, paint & glitter as we look towards that special time of **CHRISTMAS !**



To support Children in Need the Nursery Children will be taking Part in activities all day around teddy bears and everyone is Asked to come dressed in their pyjamas and bring a £1. So don't forget on Friday 17th November - please come to Nursery dressed in your pyjamas and slippers !!



Wet weather, Wet Grass, Puddles it is really **IMPORTANT** your child has a pair of boots at nursery each time they attend. They need to be the right size, easy to put on, easy for your child to identify and **MUST BE NAMED!** Either just inside the top or on the outside with a marker pen.

Also a water proof coat on their peg with a bag of spare clothes in case they get wet in their activities. Again named pleased. If you have a full length water proof suit please also put on your child's peg. Very many thanks.

Number of the Week

Week beginning

Mon 30th Oct 7

HALLOWEEN

Clay

Pumpkins

Mon 6th Nov 8

BONFIRE NIGHT

Fireworks

Ingredients collected for Mincemeat.

Mon 13th Nov 9

REMEMBRANCE

Photographer visiting

Children in Need FRIDAY

Come dressed in your pyjamas and slippers and bring a £1 coin & your Teddy.

Mon 20th Nov 10

WINTER CLOTHES

Making mincemeat

Mixing/Spooning

Mon 27th Nov 11

WINTER

Try on Nativity Costumes

Christmas Tree up

Making Gingerbread

Mon 4th Dec 12

WINTER Christmas

Mon 4th - Rehearsal

Friday 8th - Performance

Mon 11th Dec

WINTER

Lights in our Dark Tent

Wednesday 13th - Disco/Party

Mon 18th Dec

Christmas Decorations

Open Monday & Tuesday.

Last day of term Tuesday 19th

(PD Day Wednesday 3rd January 2018)

Return to Nursery
Thursday 4th January 2018.



BIG THANK YOU to Ben Styles (Martha's daddy) for bringing in two tractors the week we were talking about Harvest. Also thank you to all the children and parents who donated food gifts for our parcel to The Salvation Army to use for those in need. Thank you also to Benjamin's Grandad who grew this giant pumpkin which the children have been able to sit on, try and move and pulled all the seeds out of the middle. Brilliant fun and learning.



We are very grateful to Andy Chattell (a very good friend of Nursery) who has sorted our Office Computer System. This is our lifeline to allow the Nursery to run smoothly and efficiently - so THANK YOU so much Andy.

Opportunity during week 13th November for your child to have a professional photograph taken in the Nursery Garden by Clare Butler (a very good friend of Nursery). Letters will be out shortly to book a slot.
Ideal Christmas gifts for relatives and also a super chance to record your child's time at Nursery.

Following the **Nursery AGM** last month – your new Committee are – Emily Styles (Chairperson) Rebecca Hewitt (Treasurer) and Alex Matter (Secretary)
Committee Members – Emma Wilcox, Rachael Young, Georgina Bissett and Claire Kendall.
Please feel free to talk to any of the above with ideas for nursery, suggestions etc.

Don't forget our new online payment facilities at Santander. The Old School House Nursery Account No. 13317768 Sort Code 09-01-29 quoting you child's name in the reference.
Our Registered Charity Number is 1068289

	<p>Please remember to choose a book with your child from the selection in the cloakroom each day. Offers to come and read to a group at the end of a session are warmly welcomed.</p>
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Nursery Nativity Rehearsals & Performance -

(both at Framsdén Baptist Church)

Monday 4th December - REHEARSAL (all children)

➔ **Friday 8th December** - PERFORMANCE plus chance to have refreshments and browse craft stalls.

Please check times for drop off and pick up in full detail in a letter being sent home to each family. Please remember that **nursery is CLOSED on the afternoon of Friday 8th December.**



Term Dates:

Autumn/Winter Term ends on Tuesday 19th December 2017.

Spring Term 2018 Thursday 4th January - Thursday 29th March

(3rd Jan Nursery is CLOSED for PD Day). Half Term : Mon 12th - Fri 16th February 2018.

Summer Term 2018 Tuesday 17th April - Tuesday 24th July.

(16th April Nursery is CLOSED for PD Day) Half Term : Mon 28th May - 1st June 2018.

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

FEELING POORLY / BEEN SICK - Remember if your child is ill they **MUST NOT** return to Nursery until they have been clear for 48 hours.

EXISTING INJURY - Do tell us on arrival so we can fill a form in - not all are visible at first glance and might be found later in day and we would need to phone you.

PACKED LUNCHES - Please remember to put an **ICE PACK** in your child's lunch box even at this time of year. Also to cut in half **GRAPES** if giving them to your child.

SLIPPERS - Are a really good idea in Nursery at this time of year - **NAMED** please!



Christmas Party! We are very lucky that our Patron Lady Tollemache invites us to use The Old Coach House on the Helmingham Hall Estate for our Christmas celebrations. This year our party is on **Wednesday 13th December.**

Children arrive 10 am - enjoy the drive through the parkland ... can you see the deer .. perhaps Rudolf is hiding ! We then have fun and games with Kev's disco (prizes can be won). The children then have a sit down bring and share meal (week before a list goes up in the cloakroom to sign up what you might contribute). We have crackers and hats as well. At 12.45 pm we suggest parents come back to join us for a very special visitor ... you guessed it he is dressed in red and carries a sack. Afterwards presents are given out and it is home time.

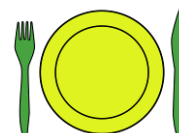
Just remember that Nursery is closed in the afternoon as the children are likely to be very tired after such an exciting party. Please see separate letter that will come out nearer the event with permission slip etc.

Hot School Dinners collected by staff from next door..... £2.30 + 70p handling fee = £3. Tasty and freshly prepared by Helmingham School Cook Emma next door.

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

Choosing a hot school lunch helps children by

- Providing a tasty, nutritious and great value for money meal.
- Helping them to concentrate, learn and develop their social skills.
- Providing a balanced diet and the chance to try new foods.
- Enjoying their lunch in a safe and supervised environment with their friends.



Nursery Hours

Arrival between 9 – 9.15am Mon – Fri.
(doors open before that to sit in cloakroom and share a story in the warmth!)

Collection by 12 noon / 1 pm / 3 pm

Times outside these are available by arrangement contact us for fees for any part of hours 8am – 9am / 3pm – 4pm

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/oshn-stowmarket>

we are already generating monies so join us today.

MASSIVE THANKYOU to all the parents who have given up their time to come into Nursery/paid for a Gardener to attend and keep the grass cut short, prickles at bay and tidied/weeded the borders. This is a tremendous help to us and all the children love playing/exploring in the grassy garden.

Steph (Nursery Manager) will be starting the new COME AND PLAY SESSION in the NEW YEAR - look out for the day and times.

NURSERY WEEKLY ACTIVITIES - if you would like more details (some have an extra charge) please speak with the Playleader on that day.

Day	Activity	Playleader
Monday	2.30 - 3 pm Singing and musical instruments with Natasha	Natasha
Tuesday	Cooking sweet and savoury items - usually for eating at snack time !	Heather
Wednesday	Dance with Miss Pamela in the morning.	Natasha
Thursday	Parachute Games in the Garden	Dawn
Friday	Woodland Walk - opportunity for the children to go out and explore the countryside.	Dawn

Don't forget to let **Heather** know of anything you would like in this **Newsletter**, speak to **Charlotte** about your **Gardening Rota**, **Angela** is in the **Office** on **Tuesday & Thursday afternoons** and **Steph our Nursery Manager** is in all week.

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

The named Safeguarding Children Officer is: Heather Runacres

The named Safeguarding Children Deputy Officers are: Dawn Edwards & Steph Cross