



The Old School House Nursery

1st half Autumn Term 2018 Newsletter

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A Big Welcome back to everyone hoping you had a fantastic Summer Break and we say a big HELLO to Edward, Samuel & Violet who join us this term.

The Nursery still has some outstanding maintenance works on our windows so do please be careful when entering our grounds.



We said farewell to DAWN this Summer with heartfelt words by Clare Kendall at Sports Day surrounded by all the parents & children, and then at a Summer BBQ at Dawns with all the staff that she has worked with over the years. We hope to see Dawn back now and again as 'bank' staff! Here are a few words from Dawn

Thank You! To all the wonderful children, staff, parents, grandparents, friends and members of committee past and present that I have had the privilege to work with.

As you are aware I have 'retired' from The Old School House Nursery after 20 wonderful years! And would like to take a second to thank each and everyone of you for all the kind messages, gifts, photos, cards, surprises and good wishes I have received, you have all been more than generous.

Thank you so much for my lovely apple tree which has pride of place in my garden, in full view from my back door, as I'm sure the children have told you I like to see what's going on! I must also say a huge thank you to all my work colleagues, not only for the lovely gifts - I can't wait



to use my RHS membership! But for their unwavering dedication, professionalism and support through some very challenging times, endless cups of cold weak tea, but most of all friendship, thank you!

As I move on to the next chapter, which hopefully includes lots of travelling, relaxation, fine dining, gardening and dog walking, I can't help but be a little sad and honestly say I shall miss each and every one of you. Dawn x

Number of the Week

Week beginning

Thurs 6th Sept

Welcome Back

Doctors & Nurses

Settling in

Mon 10th Sept

Welcome Back

Doctors & Nurses

Skeletons!

Syringe painting

Mon 17th Sept

Police

Bikes & Cars

Traffic light cookies

Mon 24th Sept

Fire Fighters

Fire Drills

Fire Engines

Mon 1st Oct

Dentists

Healthy Foods

Teeth number game

Mon 8th Oct

Teachers

White Board

Letter Hunt in sand

Mon 15th Oct

Teachers / Autumn

Leaf Wreaths

Obstacle course

Half term 22nd October 2018
To 26th October 2018

HALLOWEEN PLAYDAY

Wednesday 24th October

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

Return to Nursery Monday 29th
October 2018.

Term Dates

Autumn Term

Thursday 6th September -

Wednesday 19th December 2018.

2019

Return Monday 7th January

This Term we are looking at the
PEOPLE WHO HELP US - a different occupation each
Week - check out which ones in the weekly dates column.



Welcome to our new member of staff Kelly who would like to introduce herself and is looking forward to meeting everyone.

I have 12 years childcare experience in a variety of roles including working at day nurseries, full time nannying for a military family as well as looking after a newborn baby and a family with 4 children under five including twins. I have also worked in Europe which I thoroughly enjoyed and following this worked in an independent school nursery for three years. I have a daughter who is coming up to 18 months old and live locally in Helmingham and we enjoy lots of outdoor activities as a family as well as swimming, gardening and baking. In my spare time I enjoy reading and walking my husky dog. I look forward to meeting you all in the upcoming term.

Committee News –

All parents will now have had a letter informing them of the transfer from The Old School House Nursery to the Consortium Multi Academy Trust in January 2019. Helmingham Primary School join the Trust after October Half Term. This will be a smooth transition and all parents will be kept fully informed of the process.

Please remember our Bank Account moved to Santander and would ask that if you pay online please make sure alterations were made to your online banking account. Prompt payment is much appreciated.

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 Breakfast Club each day 8am – 9am.

Thank you.

'My Learning Journey' - the nursery is in the process of putting all children on Tapestry (via OSHN Tablet) for their Learning Journey which will enable parents to contribute direct to their child's learning experience via log on through their own computer/tablet. During this process there might be some changes to Keyworkers due to the staff changes this term and letters will go out to all parents.



Don't forget Miss Pamela takes a DANCE SESSION on a Wednesday morning - a wonderful time together using props and music to enhance the session.

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.

Nursery '**SPECIAL TABLE**' is in the Blue Room - where we meet in the morning and have our Circle Time. Please put items here so we can include them in our discussion with the children. **This term it would be wonderful if they linked to something the children did over the holidays.**

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 but must be ordered by 9.15 am. (If you are going to be late please phone ahead of this and leave a message on the answer machine.)



PLAY DAYS ran during the first 2 weeks of the Summer Holidays when we had fun at Nursery with all things **WATER !**

In Week 1 we cooked very blue blueberry buns and blackberry crumbles, painted with all colours outside, dressed up and played 'shops' with our friends, using real vegetables, as well as splashing in our paddling pool while the turtle squirted water over us!

In Week 2 we cooked created face pizzas with cheese for the hair! Very popular was our courgette chocolate brownies we baked. We made sandcastles, galloped on horses and played princesses/knights. We moved our pool out front and then made a shower over it **WOW!**

Look out for our next Playday –



Halloween

Wednesday 24th October 2018

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.

Also open to Reception & Year 1 children who have previously attended a Nursery Playday.

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 radio - 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, 1pm or by 3 pm (door opens at 2.50 pm).

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

Our BREAKFAST CLUB is still running - drop in any time between

8am - 9am. Breakfast served up to 8.30 am. Cost just £6.

Open to all Nursery & Primary School Children.

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.
- 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 with elasticated waist - 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.

Have you

- Moved address, changed doctors etc., let us know to update our records.
- Sent in medicine to Nursery - MUST be in a cool bag (if needed) and form filled out.
- Providing a packed lunch to nursery - put in a cold block and **provide a drink.**
- Filled out a **Health Care Plan** if one is needed for your child.

Thank you to everyone who takes part on the GARDENING ROTA - please remember to post the keys back through the FRONT DOOR when you have finished.

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.



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

If you have something for the next [Newsletter](#) or have an idea, activity, recipe 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 Steph or 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 !



Some proposed advance events -

[Nativity Play](#) (Framsden Baptist Church)

[Childrens Christmas Party](#) (Coach House, Helmingham Hall)

