

Ducklings Newsletter – November 2020

Coronavirus update

Thank you for continuing to support us through these challenging times. Children have adapted well to new routines within Ducklings and we will continue to keep you updated with how current regulations affect us.

With the new lockdown procedures now in place, we would request that all parents/carers wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting their child as an extra precaution. Thank you for your support as we maintain everyone's safety.

Winter clothing

Now the weather is entering the colder months, can we please remind you to send your child in with appropriate clothing (hats, gloves, wellies and coats) to ensure they remain warm/dry when outside. We also need children to wear warm clothes indoors as we will be keeping the building well ventilated even in colder months due to the current regulations.

Please also ensure all items are labelled so we can reunite them with the owners if they are separated from them.

Lunch update

We have completed our first week of trialling the new meals from Hungry Monsters. So far we have had Chicken Tikka Curry and Rice, Lasagne, Sausage Casserole, Fisherman's Pie and Mexican Minced Beef. We are encouraged to see that the children have been very willing to try these dishes and many have been enjoying the new menu. Children are encouraged to try the meals by staff but are also encouraged by seeing others eating as well. We will feed back to you regularly how your child has eaten. We are encouraging independence with regards to the children using their cutlery to feed themselves and this ties in with the EYFS and their development.

We appreciate that this is transitional period as children adjust to the new lunchtime routines. All children do have the opportunity to enjoy a mid-morning / mid-afternoon snack so will be able to eat during the day.

Fees

In light of extra expenses being incurred in relation to Covid-19 and the purchasing of extra cleaning and disinfectants, we will be reviewing our fees and will let you know of any increases as soon as possible and when these will take effect.

We would like to say a huge thank you for prompt payment of invoices during this difficult time. This really helps us to maintain our services to you.

Sessions

We have received enquiries for new starters, so if in the near future you are considering any additional sessions please let us know so that we can accommodate this where possible.

Themes

Please see below for the themes we will be covering this half term at Ducklings.

2 nd November	Bonfire Night Staying Safe Remembrance
9 th November	Being Kind and Staying Safe People who help us Remembrance Children in Need (Dressing Up all week)
16 th November	Diwali (14 th November)
23 rd November	Science
30 th November	Science
7 th December	Christmas activities Christmas Jumper Week (Dress Up)
14 th December	Christmas activities and celebrations

Dates to remember

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December

Christmas holidays are from Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January

First day back at Ducklings – Monday 4th January 2021