

# GAINSBOROUGH NURSERY SCHOOL



Autumn Term 2

November 2021

## Our Focus this term



This term we have been looking at Light and Dark. We have already celebrated bonfire night with sparklers (with the adults holding them) and hot chocolate. We have been exploring torches, dens, making shadows, talking about nocturnal animals and exploring which materials are transparent and opaque. We have also been working on the children's independence and problem solving skills.

We will be celebrating Christmas, our celebrations will begin at the beginning of December. Children will learn the nativity story and explore many of the traditions associated with this festive

## Covid 19

Firstly we would like to thank you all for continuing to support us to follow the latest guidance to keep everyone safe and the School open. The current guidance still states that anyone with a cough or fever must isolate and have a PCR test.

Whilst we understand that this is frustrating we must follow the guidance to keep staff and children safe.

**Please do not give Calpol before coming to Nursery, this will mask a temperature and often if a child needs Calpol they are too unwell to attend.**

**We also ask Parents not to gather in large groups before the sessions, please only arrive a maximum of 5 minutes before a session starts.**

We are continuing to keep everyone safe by ensuring the School is well ventilated and hand washing is a priority.

## Dates for your diary:

Last day of term:

**Term 2: Friday 17th December**

**Term 3: Tuesday 4th January to Friday 11th February**

**Term 4: Monday 21st February to Thursday 31st March**

**Term 5: Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th May**

**Term 6: Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July**

## Fundraising

We will be holding our Christmas cake sale on Wednesday 8th December.

## Car Parking

Please be considerate to others when using the carpark.

**A reminder** The weather has turned colder please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves.

Please label all belongings.

## Safeguarding

**Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility. If you think a child might be the victim of abuse or neglect you can either call the NSPCC 0808 800 5000 or the Lincolnshire children's services customer service centre 01522 782111**

## Christmas walk to the Church

Christmas starts in the nursery school at the beginning of December.

We are thrilled that we will be able to go on our annual walk to Morton Church. We walk to the Church and sing all of the lovely Christmas songs we have been learning to parents. The children get a chance to explore the church and look at the beautiful tree. This year there is a nativity trail for the children to take part in and the Reverend will read the nativity story. This year the Reverend has confirmed that they will be able to book us in for one walk. The walk will leave School around 9.10a.m. To keep everyone safe we walk with the ratio of 1 adult to 2 children this means we will need as many parents grandparents or friend helpers as possible to ensure all the children will be able to go. All families are welcome to come on this walk. The 2 year class do not come, however if any parents want to walk with their 2 year old they are more than welcome. If you don't usually attend the morning session or a Thursday please arrive for 9 a.m. if you would like to come. Masks will be needed in Church.

The walk will take place on Thursday 9th December.



## Home learning and Book of the Month

Please continue to look out for our home learning challenges and book of the month posts on tapestry. We love to see the learning that you share with us on your tapestry account. Some parents are yet to access their accounts. If you are having problems logging on please pop to the School office window.

## Song sheets

There will be a new Christmas song sheet in December. You can find these on the website under Home Learning.

## Oral Health

Did you know dental check ups and treatment are free for children with an NHS dentist? Regular brushing at least twice a day will help to keep teeth clean and healthy.

Please ask a member of staff for help and advice with tooth brushing or dental care.

## Independence and self-help skills.

The children are continuing to work hard on their independence and self help skills. Many children can now put on their own coats and some can do their own zips up.

## Change of clothes

Please remember to bring a spare set of clothes for your child in case they need changing.

## Dummies

The NHS recommend that babies stop using dummies between 6 and 12 months. If your child still has a dummy, this is a very good time of year to encourage them to stop. For example they could leave it for Father Christmas in exchange for a gift. If you would like other suggestions please ask us.