

**Gainsborough Nursery School**



**Our Newsletter**  
**Autumn term**  
**2022**



I would like to welcome all of our families, old and new, to this academic year at Gainsborough Nursery School. I feel extremely privileged to be the Head Teacher of two wonderful Nursery Schools, Gainsborough Nursery School and Wyndham Park Nursery School In Grantham. I currently share my time between the two sites with Laura Crawford based in Gainsborough as the Deputy Head. We hope that your child has settled in to their new group well; I have certainly seen lots of happy smiley faces.

If you ever have any worries, concerns or questions about your child then please don't wait until parents' meetings. You can always speak to a member of the class team, to Laura Crawford or to myself, just catch us in the morning or at pick up or ring/email the office to book a mutually convenient time. If you do want to speak to a staff member at drop off or pick up please bare in mind that this is a very busy time and the staffs first priority id getting the children in safely and settled, therefore it might be the staff member just asks you to wait at the side until all the children have arrived or left.

**Laura Cook**  
**Head Teacher**

## Tapestry

Tapestry is an easy-to-use and secure online learning journal that we use to help us celebrate your children's experiences, learning and development. It is a simple way to build a shared understanding about what learning looks like here at Gainsborough Nursery.



For each child who comes to Gainsborough Nursery every week is unique. They will all have made different choices, experienced their own successes and engaged in their own personal learning. However, there are always some shared experiences and so every half term these will be added as a 'What we are learning this half term'

Over the next few weeks you may notice 'Tapestry Challenges.' These posts are designed to help you with ideas of how you can support your child's learning and to give you the chance to share things with us that you are doing at home. They will very often link to learning that we have been doing at Nursery and are designed to be easily done using things that you have at home. It's not homework; it's learning ... but disguised as play!

As I am sure you can all appreciate, the presence of a camera changes an interaction between child and adult. It can act as a physical barrier between our faces and theirs - not a great way to have a conversation, develop relationships or support learning! In short, if we have an iPad in our hands we can do less to support your child's learning. In this digital age we as adults are all so used to being instantly in touch or instantly updated, but the children would rather we were fully present, ready to listen and ready to play! That is our promise to them.



### Messy Play!

We are learning all the time! Sometimes this means we will get a bit messy! We go outside whatever the weather, so we need warm clothes and coats that are ok to get dirty and wet!

The nursery uniform is designed to get messy so that favourite clothes don't get ruined! We have paint, water and other messy activities out everyday so wearing old clothes or uniform is a very good idea!!!

If you would like to bring your own wellies and waterproofs, please label them clearly with your child's name and they can be left at nursery to be used everyday!



## Little Reminders!

- ☺ Please remember to label **ALL** of your child's clothing, including coats, bags and shoes with their full name.
- ☺ Please ensure your child is wearing weather appropriate, warm clothing as it is getting colder and we do play outside for as much of the day as possible!
- ☺ If your child is toilet training, make sure they are wearing bottoms that they can pull up and down easily! Joggers are perfect instead of tights/leggings/trousers with buttons etc.
- ☺ Can we please ask that you do not smoke anywhere in or around nursery. We are a non-smoking site.
- ☺ No dogs are allowed anywhere on nursery school grounds.
- ☺ Don't forget to let the office know by the start of the session if your child is not attending.
- ☺ Please ensure your child is collected on time at the end of their nursery session to enable us to keep to the correct staffing ratios.

## Birthdays

This year we have will be celebrating birthdays by baking! If it is your child's birthday at some point that week they will make their own birthday cake to share with their friends and sing Happy Birthday.



## E-Safety

If you would like to know more about e-safety, the website below has lots of useful information about how to keep children safe online, including top tips and recommended apps.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5>

**internet  
matters.org**

## Communication with the Nursery

If your child is unable to attend nursery due to illness or family outings etc. please call or email the office before your child's session is due to start. Our phone number is **01427811610** . Alternatively you can inform us using the Scholarpack app.

When there is nobody in the office, there is an answerphone to respond to telephone calls. Please leave your name and a contact number along with your message.

The office is open every day from 8:00am until 3.30pm, but could we please ask that where at all possible you email or telephone with any enquiries in the first instance. If you do need to speak with us in person the best time to do this is directly after drop off. We try to keep our website as up to date as possible and it has lots of information on

[www.gainsboroughnurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.gainsboroughnurseryschool.co.uk)

We use two main systems here at the nursery to pass on information and communicate.

**Tapestry** - an online journal recording all the learning and fun of your child's early years education. It helps staff to capture experiences as well as monitor development and learning. This unique journal is shared online with you so you are able to see special moments and view your child's progress.



**Scholarpack** - is our information system which holds all our students information. It is used amongst other things to record attendance. We also use it to send out any communications to our parents via text and emails.

## Safeguarding

We take the safety of our children extremely seriously at Gainsborough Nursery School.

You can find our safeguarding policy on our website. There are also links to other useful information regarding keeping children safe.

We also help children to keep themselves safe through our practical curriculum where we learn how to take care of ourselves, play co-operatively and share and learn some simple rules so we know how to stay safe.

If you are worried about your child or any other children please come and speak to us straight away or contact the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Board on 01522 782111

Laura Crawford - [Designated Safeguarding Lead](#)

Laura Cook- [Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead](#)

[Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility](#)

## **\*\* Applications for a Primary School Place - September 2023 \*\***

If your child was born between **1st September 2018** and **31st August 2019**, you can apply for their Primary School place from **14th November 2022**.

Please also be aware that the deadline for applying for a reception place in a primary school for September 2022 is **12:00 noon** on **15th January 2023**.

### **Important things to remember when applying:**

- You can apply for up to **three** different schools. You must rank the schools in order of preference. The first school should be the one you would most like your child to go to.
- If you apply after the closing date you are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.
- **It is your responsibility to apply for a primary school place for your child, we do not apply for you and we are not linked to any specific schools.**

It is really important that you apply online at:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or contact the Education Team on 01522 782030.



## **Funding**

Just a reminder that if you are claiming the 30-hour funding or using Tax-Free Childcare, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility **every 3 months**.

Parents can check whether they could be eligible for a range of government childcare offers, including 15 hours free funding for 2 year old's & 30 hours free funding for 3-4 year old's via Childcare Choices at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) or on the Childcare Calculator at [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator).

For a detailed guide to the 30 hours eligibility criteria, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility>



### **Learning focus.**

This half term our focus has been on settling in and making relationships. Children have been learning new rules and routines, getting to know the adults in their class and becoming familiar with the other children.

Staff have been modelling how to share and turn take with resources and supporting children to play alongside each other.

The children have really enjoyed exploring the indoor and outdoor learning environments. At Gainsborough Nursery School we understand that children learn best by being active this means that children are encouraged to try a wide range of experiences. Often this can mean that your child may get wet in the water, or paint on their clothes. They might come home muddy, or covered in gloop. Whilst we appreciate that this can be frustrating the learning provided by these experiences is essential for healthy development and we will always do our best to ensure the children are wearing aprons, or waterproof clothing to help protect their own clothes.

### **Books Of The Month**

Each month we will introduce you to two books that we are reading with the children. We hope that it will introduce families to new authors or stories that you may be able to read at home together especially at bedtime. We will post the Books of the month onto tapestry and there will be links to the book being read on our website.

### **Story Sack Library**

We are extremely lucky to have a story sack library. A story sack is a bag containing a book and all of the props needed to be able to act out or retell the story. These are available to all families to borrow to take home. This can then be returned and another chosen. If you would like a story sack please see a member of the staff team who will explain how you do this.





## Dates for your diary

**Friday 21st October** - Last day of Term 1

**Monday 31st October** - First day back! Term 2

**Monday 14th November** - Nursery Photographer Day.

(Details to follow)

**Friday 18th November** - Children in Need day



**Monday 15th November** - Applications for Primary  
school places open



**Friday 16th December** - Last day of Term 2.

Merry Christmas!!!!

**Wednesday 4th January** - First day back! Term 3



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