



Gainsborough Nursery School

Our Spring Newsletter 2023

Hello again to our existing families—and a huge welcome to the new families that have joined us since January.

As some of you are new to us, this newsletter contains lots of information about life at Gainsborough Nursery School which we hope you will find useful.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child at Nursery and you would like to see a member of staff for a chat, just pop to the office or email and we will set up a mutually convenient time for you both. As you can imagine dropping off times and home times are particularly busy for staff as they are working hard keeping the children safe.



Laura Cook
Headteacher

Class updates

Yellow Class

In January the yellow class opened! The children have settled so well into the routines of nursery, it is like they have always been here!

The children have been so excited to explore all of the different areas. We have had lots of fun experimenting in the digging pit, the sandpit, reading stories, painting and exploring playdough. The children have loved making tea and cooking in the home area.

Green Class

The children have been working so hard on their listening and attention skills. We have been playing lots of games that require the children to listen carefully. The children have been following instructions to make pancakes and playdough! We have also been working really hard on using manners to ask for something and to practise putting on and zipping up our coats. We have spent lots of time learning outside and the children have worked so hard! Over the next few weeks we will be looking for signs of spring and celebrating Easter.

Blue class

The children have been learning all about melting, freezing and dissolving. They have been working very hard on listening to grown ups and solving problems. We have many children who can now ride a 2 wheeled bike without stabilisers! Over the next few weeks we will be learning about Spring and the celebrations and traditions of Easter.

Dates for your diary.

Last day of spring term 2: Friday the 31st of March



First day of Summer term 1: Tuesday the 18th of April

Bank Holidays : Monday 1st May

Monday 8th May

Last day of Summer term 1: Friday the 26th of May

First day of Summer term 2: Monday 5th of June

Last day of summer term 2:

Friday 21st July



Absence

We ask that all families let us know if their child is not going to be at nursery that day. We understand that sometimes it may slip your mind to let us know, especially if you are at home with a poorly child. However as a school we have to keep records of attendance and have set procedures that we must follow if we do not hear from you.

If we do not hear from you the office will send a reminder on the Scholar pack app asking you to contact the school office. If we still do not hear from you we will then follow this up with a phone call.

If we still are unable to contact you it might then mean that we have to call at your home to do a safe and well check.

You can inform us using the Scholar pack app. If you need any help with this app please ask at the office. You can also call the school office on 01427811610.

Parent meetings

Over the next three weeks until the end of term classroom staff will be arranging opportunities for you to meet with them. These meetings are a really good opportunity to talk with staff and find out how your child is getting on at school. These will be offered as face to face meetings or as a phone call.



Car Park

We are very lucky to have a car park for parents to use. Please be considerate to others in the car park as it can get very busy at drop off and pick up times.



Outdoor Learning

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!



Tapestry

We still have some parents who are not accessing tapestry. Tapestry is a great way for you to see some of the learning that your child has been doing whilst at nursery.

The staff will add 'wow' moments of learning onto tapestry. This might be an observation or a photograph. We also use tapestry to share our books of the month.

Parents can also add to tapestry so please feel free to add pictures or comments. We love to see the different things that you have been doing at home together!

We do not add huge amounts to tapestry. The children would much rather the adults were fully immersed in playing with them than taking pictures or writing on an iPad but we do try our best to capture those important milestones and interactions.

School places

For families who met the application deadline you should receive your offer of a primary school place on 17th April 2023.

After the Easter holidays we will be speaking to you about which school your child will be going to in September. This allows us to start planning for your child's transition to school.

We work very closely with all the local primary schools to ensure that your child's move to school goes as smoothly as possible.

We appreciate that this is an extremely exciting time but it can also be a worrying time for some. If you have any concerns about this process or want to know more about transition to school please speak to the staff team!



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 if 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 or on the Childcare Calculator at 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>

