

## Birchfield Nursery School

### Newsletter – September 2015



#### A big welcome back to everyone

All our new children have now settled in and enjoying the nursery. The staff have worked really hard during the summer months with our new Assistant Head Teacher Mrs Liku and have changed a lot of the indoor environment to make it more child focused and to support every child's imagination and creativity. A lot of the resources that are out in each room mean that the children's learning is open ended and stimulates a child's natural curiosity.

We are working as a whole team to do observations of all the children and look at a baseline in all areas of learning to see where they are up to. By half term we will have set some targets for our progress during the year and will be looking at next steps for all our children.

#### \*Allergies- Important Information to all parents



This year at nursery we have a small number of children with severe allergies who may go into anaphylactic shock if they come in contact with any triggers. We have audited our environment to support these children and ask that as parents you **do not bring in any food/sweets** to be consumed or given out in nursery (even if it is your child's birthday) so we can keep the risk to very low level. Please also check any boxes or materials that you may donate for junk modelling as we will not be able to accept anything that has had a "risk of nuts" in it, for example cereal packets.

#### Open evening – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 – 9.00 pm

This is an opportunity to come and look around the nursery without your child, have a quick chat to their key carer to see how they are getting on and look at their learning journey. We will also have two presentations about enabling environments and how your child learns in the early years foundation stage.

#### Name badges

We have got lots of new children who are not wearing their name badges, please help us by putting on your child's name badge before you drop them off in their key carers room. Some of the children are still quiet and shy and don't want to tell us their name or group. The badge helps us get them back to the right place if they are looking a bit lost!

#### Passwords

Please make sure you let anyone collecting your child from nursery know the password including grandparents. We are still trying to get to know faces and different staff will be on the door on different days. This is our way of keeping your child safe. Please ring to let us know if you are late anytime or if someone different is coming to collect them.

## Weather proofs

The children have access to outdoors for 2 sessions of continual provision each session, we will be doing lots of learning outdoors in the Autumn. This is a great time to learn about nature and the changing seasons. Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing for the weather. A warm waterproof coat with a hood and strong shoes, boots or wellies so they can splash in the puddles without getting their feet wet. We are teaching the children to become independent so please help at home by encouraging them to put on their own coat and zip/fasten it up.

## Toileting



A number of children especially boys are having toileting accidents as they can't get there in time. Many of them are coming to nursery in tight jeans that are really tricky to get undone especially when you are in a rush! Please help them by putting them in jogging bottoms or tracksuit bottoms that are easy to pull down quickly in an emergency. If your child is still having some accidents please make sure that they have lots of spare clothes in their bag so we can help them get changed.

## Snack time is number time

When the children go back to their key carer in the middle of the session we are focusing on numbers and counting. Your child could also help you count at home when it is meal time, can they count the forks and set the table with you, maybe you could count how many buses you see when you are out in the car.

**Can you teach your child a number rhyme that they could share with us at nursery?**

## Dates to remember

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School closed – INSET day for staff
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School re-opens
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Zoolab visit school – Meg and Mog workshop. Children can come dressed as witches/wizards or anything magical!
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening 7.00 – 9.00 pm

## Settling in time

It's a big step in your family's life when your child starts nursery school, please don't feel you are on your own if you feel a bit anxious.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child and how they are settling in please speak to their key carer or contact Mrs Weedall/Mrs Liku for a chat.



Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind.

"Pooh!" he whispered.

"Yes, Piglet?"

"Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's paw. "I just wanted to be sure of you."

– A.A. Milne, *The House at Pooh Corner*