



Birchfield Nursery School

Newsletter November 2016

It is hard to believe but the end of 2016 is almost upon us and we enter a busy couple of weeks at the nursery. December is a hectic time for many families so here are a few important reminders and notices to help you through!

Raffle Tickets

We have begun selling Raffle tickets for our annual end of year Raffle priced at £1 a strip. Fundraising such as this in helping us to widen the opportunities and facilities for your children and all contributions are greatly appreciated. There are some fabulous prizes to be won! Speak to your child's key worker for information.

Nursery Funding

The future of funding for state maintained nurseries continues to be a major concern for all state nurseries across the country, not just here in Birchfield. An online petition has been launched and we as nurseries are encouraging you as parents to lend your support using the link below

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/171052>

Mrs Weedall

As many of you have noticed Mrs Weedall has been absent from nursery for a little while. This is due to unforeseen circumstances and she will be back with us very soon. In the meantime Mrs Liku has stepped into her role. We appreciate the need for continuity so the ducks will be safe in the capable hands of our other supporting keyworkers Mrs Rogerson and Mrs Millington. Mrs Liku is still available to share concerns, comments and questions and is going in to the ducks as much as possible. We thank you for your support.

Victoria Park Trip

Next week is an exciting time as our children go on their first excursion of the year! Opportunities to see the wider world with nursery friends is a vital life experience and a great memory making time! Speak to your child's key worker if you have any questions or concerns.



Waterproof your child!

Here at Birchfield we believe in allowing children access to indoor outdoor play all year round. Sometimes that will result in muddy puddle jumping and wet play! To help your child stay warm and comfortable we ask that you ensure that they have wellies in nursery EVERY DAY and a warm, waterproof jacket AT ALL TIMES. Weather can change rapidly at this time of year so a warm drop off time may not necessarily mean a warm day! We do encourage children to wear waterproof suits from nursery but a puddle is sometimes too exciting!

Communication

We have been made aware that some parents did not know that we have a Facebook page and website here at Birchfield. These are key ways that we as nursery share information with parents and it can be helpful to check up on these outlets to keep yourselves informed of updates and information. Like us on Facebook and you will receive future notifications from us. Find us on Facebook as Birchfield nursery and our website address is *birchfield.halton.sch.uk*

Children in Need

The nursery went spotty one Friday for Children in Need and raised the fantastic amount of £82.30

We thank you for your contributions.



Parents Questionnaire

We thank you for taking the time to return the questions for parents and carers. We value your contributions immensely and use them to constantly evaluate our practice and service to you and to help us to make changes and improvements to what we offer. We have an open door policy here at Birchfield and very much appreciate the importance of ongoing dialogue with yourselves.



Important

Diary Dates

Our final weeks before term ends are exceptionally busy , please see list below and check classroom noticeboards to see what is coming up or ask a key worker.

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| Wednesday 7 th December | Christmas Raffle to be drawn |
| Monday 12 th December | Polar Pyjama Day, children can come in pyjamas and slippers for a lovely session with hot chocolate and marshmallows to make us feel Christmassy. You will be given a secret ticket for your child to get on the polar express, don't tell them!! |
| Tuesday 13 th December | Group fun day with traditional games. |
| Wednesday 14 th December | JJ the Clown and whole nursery party. Children can come in party dress if they would like to. Please bring children in later so we can set up for the party. 9.30am start for morning children 1.15pm start for afternoon children |
| Thursday 15 th December | A special surprise visitor in our own grotto! Please don't tell them who but let your child's key carer know if you think they may be apprehensive. |
| Friday 16 th December | School closes early for Christmas break Morning doors open at 10.45 am – please collect by 11.00am Afternoon doors open at 2.45pm – please collect by 3.00pm |

Room changes in January

Our environment at Birchfield is an exciting but large one and to ensure that all children have equal access throughout the year we change keyworker rooms half termly from January. From January you will drop off and pick up your child from the following rooms

Ducks: Room 4

Badgers: Room 5

Squirrels: Room 3

Hedgehogs: Room 2

Rabbits (New children): Room 1

Coats remain in the same cloakrooms as they are now.

Finally we would like to wish you and your families a happy, peaceful and restful festive season and thank you for supporting your little ones on the journey here with us at Birchfield.

See you in 2017!

From all the staff at Birchfield Nursery