

Child's Name:

**Longvernal Nursery
Newsletter
Term 1
September- October 2018**

Key person:

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely summer break. This term we are focusing on 'All about me' and getting to know each other and our families. To help with this you should have already received an all about me sheet, which we would appreciate if you could return as soon as possible. We will look at colours and explore what happens when we mix them. The children will set the nursery golden rules and begin to be independent in health and hygiene routines. As well as these planned activities we will be following 'in the moment planning' and going along with the children's interests as they happen.

Snack / Lunch time

We like to encourage children to make healthy choices. At snack time we provide children with a drink of water or milk and some fruit. This is alongside a healthy carbohydrate such as wraps with cheese, breadsticks or cereal. In order to keep our nursery fees down we would like to ask parents if once a week they can provide a piece of fruit that can be shared at snack time. Please can we ask that you do not bring nuts as we have someone with a severe allergy. Please can we kindly ask that if you bring any fruit or food in lunch boxes such as grapes or sausages that they are cut length ways as this reduces the risk of choking. Can we remind you not to provide sweets in your child's lunch box.

Sickness

Due to nursery grant conditions we would like to ask parents to please phone/ text us on 07764357373 or call the school office on 01761412777 if your child will not be in nursery, as we have to keep a written record of absences. If you know your child is going to be off in advance for holidays/ appointments to let us know. If your child is sick or has diarrhoea they must not return to nursery until they are 48 hours clear. This helps to stop it spreading to other children /parents and staff. Please can we also ask you not to send your child to nursery with a high temperature, as we cannot look after sick children.

Nursery Hours

We would like to remind you that nursery session hours are 9am-12pm or 12pm -3pm. We kindly ask that children are picked up promptly ensuring that we keep to our staff ratios and for you not to incur any additional charges (charges are £1 per minute).

Drop off and collection

9am- Nursery
12pm- Wait at reception area
3pm- Wait at reception area
Collecting at any other time please wait at alley gate by the play park so we can see when you arrive.
Due to safety of children and adults please can we ask that you do not use the school car park at any time.

Staff

We would like to welcome Mrs Brenda Weatherhogg (Nursery Practitioner) and Miss Sophie Sheppard (Nursery Apprentice) to our nursery team.

Toys and Bags

Please can we remind you NOT to send your child in with any toys (apart from a comforter) as we cannot be responsible if they get lost or broken. Due to the children using the toilet area independently, please can we ask you not to send your child in with drawstring or plastic carrier bags as they are a choking hazard to children.

Home learning

We will continue to send next steps books home for children in their pre-school year. Again this is NOT homework. We hope that this will be a great way to share your child's learning with you at home, ensuring they reach their full potential. Please complete the comments section to help feedback on what your child did.

Waterproofs and Wellington boots

From September you will need to provide waterproofs and wellington boots for your child for forest school and wet weather play. Please ensure that all items are named.

Footwear

At nursery we like to encourage children to be independent. If possible please can your child wear suitable footwear to support this (i.e. Velcro or slip on shoes or slippers).

Important Dates

Monday 3rd September – Inset Day
Tuesday 4th September – Inset Day
Wednesday 5th September - Start of term
Thursday 25th October – School photographer
Friday 26th October- End of term