



Foundry Road Pre-school Newsletter

2nd
September
2024

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome lots of new faces to Pre-school and hope that both parents and children will be very happy during their time with us, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries.

Whilst all our new children are settling into Pre-school, they will be shadowed wherever possible by their key person to assist with settling them in and forming friendships, and due to this, it may mean that they won't have much in their learning journeys for the first term, as all staff like to concentrate on settling children in and getting to know their children.

All our policies and procedures can be viewed on our website www.foundryroadpreschool.co.uk

and keep an eye on our  page to see regular updates.

Here are some ideas to encourage your child at home.

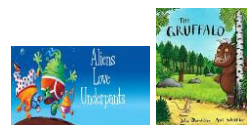
- Encourage independence with children trying to put their own coats and shoes on.
- Read stories and ask questions to encourage memory recall.

Photographs are also very welcome of your child doing activities, i.e. going on holiday, dance classes, football etc to share and put in their learning journey.

The first 2 weeks will be settling in then the

Topic for the term is –

Favourite stories



Please ensure all fees' are paid on time or they will incur a £10 late charge and unfortunately your child will be unable to attend until fees' are paid.

Diary dates

2nd September - Return to Pre-school for just the new children

9th September - Return to Pre-school for the existing children.

28th October - 1st November - Half Term

4th November - Return to preschool

Lunch boxes

Can we please also remind you that within our healthy food policy, we discourage sweets, chocolates, crisps and fizzy drinks in lunch club, and try to encourage healthy food and drinks. Please ensure lunch boxes and bottles are labelled with your child's name.

Please read the letter below, from integrated early years with regards to speech and language and the new process we will be following



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of a new improved speech, language and communication pathway for Dudley the Local Authority have invested in a speech and language assessment tool called WellComm. This has been rolled out to every nursery setting across Dudley.

What is Wellcomm?

Wellcomm is a speech and language toolkit for children aged 6 months to 6 years. It helps practitioners to understand children's current level of speech and language and then provides a range of activities to help support their language development.

How does it work?

Speech development follows a pattern much like physical development. For example: a baby can't run without first learning to sit up, stand up and walk. It is the same with communication. For example, if a child doesn't understand the words ball, box or in, they will be unable to "put the ball in the box". Identifying a specific area that a child might need support in allows us to play games or do activities that help them master an idea or concept which will boost their speech and language development. Children are assessed as green, amber or red according to their chronological age. Activities are then delivered to support children's gaps in knowledge.

For more information click the link below:



<https://support.ql-assessment.co.uk/knowledge-base/assessments/wellcomm-support/general-information/information-for-parents/>



<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/start-for-life/dudley-speech-language-communication-and-home-learning-pathway-0-5/>

Data Collection

As part of this roll out Dudley intend to collect the data from each nursery regarding progress made. There will be no personal data submitted for each child merely an overview of the progress made collectively. If your child's nursery has any concerns about your child's speech and language progress after completing the WellComm assessment they will contact you directly and seek referrals from the appropriate services. If you have any concerns please speak to your nursery provider.

Yours Sincerely,

Integrated Early Years Services Teams