



Ilminster Avenue Nursery School

September Newsletter 2022– Term 1

Welcome to Term 1!

It's been fantastic seeing the children coming back into Nursery after the long summer break. Although the holidays feel like a lifetime ago already! I'm really excited to be part of the Ilminster Avenue Nursery team this year and am enjoying getting to know you all. I'm a bit rubbish with remembering names so please bear with me! I've started going into classrooms to meet the children and try to learn their names too...a few at a time and I'll get there!

The plan is to send out a newsletter at the beginning of each new term to keep you informed of the sorts of things that are going on at Nursery and anything that is planned.

In the meantime, I will be on the gate at the beginning and end of day as much as I can, please stop and have a chat or ask a question any time!

Mandy, Acting Head teacher

Governors

As a Maintained Nursery School, we are required to have a board of Governors. They have the really important job of being a "Critical friend" to the school. This means they hold us to account and make sure the quality of our provision is the best it can be. The board is made up of people with different backgrounds including parents. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor or at least finding out more, please come into the office anytime. We'd love to see you!

Meet the Admin Team!

Mandi and Lian are our fabulous admin team. I know that many of you know them already but some of you will be completely new to the school.

Mandi and Lian are based in the reception office and very happy to help with any queries or concerns you may have. Please come and say hello!

IHOPE Food Bank

We have a very small food bank in the foyer at the main building entrance to the Nursery. There are also clothes and shoes outside the door. Please feel free to come and take anything you might need. Friday is bread day. This will be outside the door also.

It works on a first come first served basis and we ask that you take no more than 5 items at a time.

We are also open to donations to add to what we have. Tins and foods that last a long time are what we need. Thank you.

Meet Lucy Hobbs

I am sure many of you know me already but just to re-introduce myself. I am Lucy Hobbs (Family Link Worker) I am based at the front of the Nursery and can help you with any worries or concerns you may have.

I am often on the gate in the morning or at the end of the day or just pop in and see me for a cuppa.





Dates for Your Diary

21st October: End of Term
31st October: Term 2 begins
Wed 9th November: INSET Day: school closed
16th December: End of term
Tues 3rd Jan: INSET Day: School closed
Wed 4th January: Start of Term 3



Term 1 Curriculum

This year we are developing our Curriculum. The curriculum is what we bring to children to help them to learn in ways that are interesting and motivating to them. We also follow a Statutory Framework set by the government for children in the Early Years. The framework sets out what children need to learn, our curriculum will set out how we plan to support them with this learning.

Once we are happy with the Curriculum and how it is developing we will add it to our website for you to see. The Curriculum will be built around 6 key goals that we want children to learn. To achieve each “goal” the children will experience a wide variety of learning, which covers all of the subject areas within the Statutory Framework. These include: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Communication and Language, Literacy, Maths, Expressive Arts and Design and Understanding of the World. The first three subjects are known as the Prime Areas and they underpin the whole curriculum.

As we move through the year, we will be encouraging you as Parents/Carers to engage with our curriculum and to support your children’s learning at home.

This term, our focus is “Being Happy at Nursery”. Staff understand the importance of children feeling happy and secure at Nursery before they can begin to explore and find things out for themselves. We want them to learn the adult’s names and those of their friends. We want them to know where to find things in the classroom for themselves and we want them to feel happy and settled.

We will share more information about what the children are learning at the beginning of each term.

Donations

This term we are asking for donations of clean, empty pots, packages and boxes that the children can glue on and make with. Please bring any of you have to the office. Thank you.

