

Kendal Nursery School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what a busy couple of weeks!!! Welcome to all our new children and families. It's been lovely to see lots of new smiling faces exploring our outdoor area this week. Also fantastic to see our existing children helping and showing the new children all the fun they can have both inside and out.

We welcome a new member of staff this term. Over the summer we appointed Eleanor Sanchez a new teacher to work in our 2-3 yr. old room. She is passionate about Early Years and outdoor play so fits in really well with the existing staff team!!!

You may have noticed the wall was removed in the 'Children's centre' room in the May holidays and then over the summer we have had new flooring put down. The room is looking fantastic ... Staff have worked hard to make sure the room looks inviting for children to come into for breakfast and after school club ... To help with this we have used some of the money raised by 'Friends of Brantfield' to buy new furniture and resources for that room.

I look forward to working with you all this year to ensure your child's time with us is happy and gives them a fantastic start to their education. I am always available if you want to pop in and please do not hesitate to come and have a chat if you have any questions or worries.

Alyssa Dobbs
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 5 th September	Start of Autumn Term
Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th October	Half term
Week beginning 30 th October	Start back after half term
18 th December - 2 nd January	Christmas holidays
(no holiday club from 25 th Dec - 4 th Jan as we are closed for Christmas)	
3 rd January	INSET day - full school closed
4 th January	Start of spring term

Keeping in touch

We regularly send messages, newsletters and invoices by email. If you would like a printed copy or need a second copy of the newsletter please let us know. If for any reason you are not getting these by email then please check with Karen in the office that your email address is correct. We also use texts to send emergency or urgent messages - again please keep Karen up to date through the year with any changes of your mobile numbers.

Arriving at Nursery

Nursery doors open at 9.00am

Unless your child is attending Breakfast club **all classrooms** start 9am.

Please can parents wait just outside the main door and our Receptionist Emma will open the door to let everyone in. Please can we request parents do not come in before 9am as the classroom staff are usually rushing around getting the classroom perfect for when the children arrive!!

Driving up the drive

Thank you so much to all the parents who have been parking on the road and walking up with your children.

We must insist that parents **do not** come up the drive to drop off or pick up children at busy times. The barrier is often closed at these times to remind parents but if its open please do not sneak up as it causes chaos and it is not safe for children and parents walking up the drive!!

Please do not drive up the drive at these times

8.50am - 9.20am

11.50am - 12.10pm

2.45pm - 3.15pm

'Friends of Brantfield'

The friends of Brantfield would like to welcome all the new families to Kendal Nursery School. The group meets up regularly to help plan lots of lovely fundraising events for families to enjoy. The meetings are very informal and new faces and ideas are always welcome!!! We will let you know the date of the next meeting.

Help with our garden projects

We are always keen to involve parents and carers as much as we can in the life of the school. This Autumn term we are planning to revamp and develop some new areas in our outside space and we really need your help!!! If there is anyone good at joinery or could help with moving large logs around or even digging a big hole we would be grateful for your help. We want to use the money we raised in the Summer to quickly transform some areas - so watch this space!!

If it is not attached to them can you label it!!

As you can appreciate we have lots of children and many items of their belongings coming into and out of the building every day. Children often do not recognise their own things and so it really helps us if you could label everything your child brings in.

Parental Donations.

In the hall we have the donation dinosaur for parents to put in voluntary contributions. Most foundation stage classrooms now ask for donations and we do wonders with your contributions!! We use this money to buy many items connected with the children's day to day activities, for example baking ingredients, toast and snack items, and messy play resources like cornflower and shaving foam, this money will also go towards presents for the children at Christmas, Easter eggs and lots of other fun we will be having throughout the year.

We request that parents contribute just £1 per week so we are able to continue to fund all these extras.

Many thanks for your support on this.

Hot lunches

You can order a hot Dinner for your child, the cost per meal is £2.30 and there is a choice of two meals each day. You can order and pay for lunches weekly or half termly at the reception desk. If you do want to order a meal we have a list of what all the meals contain so you can check which meals your child can have if they have any allergies.

Please can I also just remind parents again that it is our policy that grapes are cut into half. Grapes are a choking hazard for children so please ensure you always cut them in half lengthways at home and in their lunch boxes.