



# CIPPENHAM NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Autumn 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the nursery. The staff have all been very impressed at how the children have settled in to school life and we will continue to work in partnership with you to provide the best education for your child.

### PUNCTUALITY:



Please make every effort to arrive on time when dropping off and picking up your child so that he / she can take full advantage of the learning opportunities. Persistent lateness will have an impact on how well your child learns.

Once we return from the October half term, all late arrivals will be asked to wait until 9:00am and must sign in at the office before being allowed into class so not to disturb the direct teaching time from 08:30am - 09:00am.

**Just a reminder that the gate will open at 08:30am and close at 8.40am for the morning sessions, and open again at 12:30pm and close at 12.40pm for the afternoon sessions.**

### ILLNESS:



Please report all absences before 08:45am and 12:45pm by calling the office on 01628 661 506, emailing [office@cns.slough.sch.uk](mailto:office@cns.slough.sch.uk) or leaving a message on the Xpressions app. Please always state your child's name, class and reason for absence to include symptoms, follow up will be taken for any absences logged as "unwell".

### NO USE OF MOBILE PHONES:



The Nursery is a **NO PHONE ZONE**. Please greet your child with a **SMILE**, NOT A **MOBILE**. Ask them about their day and tell them about yours, supporting your child's speaking and listening skills.

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: MONEY MONDAYS



Thank you to parents who have donated a term's contribution. Alternatively, weekly contributions of £2 can be placed in the money box provided in each classroom. May we remind parents who prefer to donate termly that a term's contribution is £24 and can be made at the Office. Your donations help towards resources for the children, e.g., fruit at snack time, educational visits and parties (farm etc).

### CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR:



Please ensure your children's clothes and shoes are clearly marked with their name. This is important to avoid confusion as some children have identical coats/jackets etc. Please do not send children to Nursery in high heels or sandals. They are playing with garden equipment and climbing on apparatus and need well-fitting footwear that provides support.

### SCHOOL COMMUNICATION APP:



Thank you to those parents who have already downloaded the App; this is free to download and free to send messages each way. We would encourage all parents to do so, ready for our next communication. The App is called **Groupcall Xpressions**. Once you have downloaded the App please log in with your email address to activate it.

Please also remember to download and set up your **Tapestry** account. Here you will find pictures and journals of your child's learning in Nursery. We also welcome feedback and love to hear and see what your child is exploring at home. Please pop in to see our friendly office staff if you need any help logging in.

### MACMILLAN DAY:



On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 we hosted our annual Macmillan coffee day and cake sale to raise money for charity. We raised an amazing **£163.70**. Thank you for your continuing support!

### HARVEST FESTIVAL



Before half term, we celebrated Harvest Festival. This is a very special festival as we give thanks to the land for providing us with food, as well as the farmers. The children have learned how to bake bread and had the opportunity to taste different types of bread during snack time. This year, we collected items for the families at Cippenham Nursery and surplus has been donated to Slough Food Bank. With increasing living costs and the effects of the global pandemic, many families struggle to provide the basic necessities. Thank you for all your kind donations.

Mrs Nisha Gill  
Head Teacher

### Dates for your diary:

Term starts: Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Chit Chat Coffee Morning / Afternoon: Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Trishal Dancer: Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Children's Individual Photographs: Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Health Visitor Drop In: Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Christmas Sing-a-long: Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Children's Christmas Parties: Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
End of term: Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>Times adjusted to: 8:30am - 10:30am and 11:00am - 1:00pm</b>
Christmas Holidays: Monday 23 <sup>th</sup> December - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
Spring term starts: Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Basil & Crew Exotic Animal Visit: Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
End of term: Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
February half term: Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025

The safeguarding of children is of the utmost importance, if you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Mrs Badhan - Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Gill, Mrs Li & Miss Reyes - Deputy Safeguarding Leads  
Mr Hodges - Safeguarding Governor