



Newtown Nursery School – October Newsletter

Hello Newtown Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the term here at Newtown, the children have settled really well, they have built positive relationships with their key people and therefore have been learning lots!

Identity Project

The first half term is almost finished, and this week we have been learning all about and celebrating Diwali. This has been an important part of our Identity Project which we have launched this month, as we learn more about each child and what makes them unique. Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned their postcards. We have really enjoyed hearing each child's story.

Each month we have a different focus linked to children's rights, this month we have been focusing on:

Article 30 - You have the right to practice your own culture, **language** and religion - or any you choose.

Article 8 - Governments should respect your right to a **name**, a **nationality** and **family** ties. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right

Governor Visits

Last week we had visits from two of our Governors, they were specifically looking at our curriculum and how we safeguard children. They were both very pleased with what they saw. We love to have visitors into school, because we are very proud of the children and want everyone to know how confident and friendly they are. They certainly made the Governors feel very welcome.

Safeguarding Updates

As you all know safeguarding is a crucial part of our role, we know that if children and their families are safe and have all their needs met, children will be able to learn. With this in mind we have a few updates and reminders:

- ⊛ **Attendance:** If your child is not able to attend school, please call us on 0121 675 8876 to let us know. If we do not hear from you we will call you. If we are unable to make contact with you we may carry out a home visit to make sure everyone is ok.
- ⊛ **Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy:** We have updated our policy, this is available to view in the school foyer and on our website <https://www.newtownn.bham.sch.uk/Page/Detail/school-policies-1>
- ⊛ **From Birmingham with love:** Birmingham City Council have made a range of services available from bereavement support to parenting courses just google 'From Birmingham with love' or find the link on our website.

Remember...

- Half term holiday 24th to 28th October
- School closed for staff training 31st October
- School reopen 1st November

To all of our families celebrating Diwali, we hope you have a wonderful celebration.

Thank you for all of your support, and for being part of Newtown Nursery School. We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday...enjoy the autumn weather.

Kind regards,

Sarah Roberts - Deputy Head Teacher

Important Notices

Attendance

If your child is not able to attend school it is very important that you call to let us know on 0121 675 8876. We follow a strict attendance policy in order to keep everyone safe and to ensure children are in school learning. If you do not inform us of an absence we will call you, if we cannot get through or do not hear from you we may have to conduct a home visit. If you have any questions about this please come and speak to Sarah.

Allergies

There are a number of children in school who suffer from severe food allergies, for this reason we are a nut free school (we never have nuts in the building). Please help us by ensuring that your children do not bring any food into school in their pockets or bags.



If you are worried that your child has an allergy please let us know and make an appointment with your GP.

Toilet Training

We are supporting lots of children with learning to use the toilet independently. This is a big deal for young children and it takes time and patience. If you need any support or want to speak to your child's key worker please let us know. There is lots of advice here..

[.https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/potty-training-tips/zh7kr2p](https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/potty-training-tips/zh7kr2p)

Be on time

Doors open at 8:30am/12:15pm

Please ensure you arrive on time so that your child does not miss a minute of learning time! Thank you.

Food Bank

St Matthew's Church
Duddeston Manor Road
Nechells
Birmingham
B7 4JH
0121 359 0801 and 07384 213621

They provide emergency food parcels for those people who cannot afford to buy food and who present a red Trussell Trust voucher.

If you do not have a voucher you can telephone Birmingham Settlement on 0121 250 0765, or the CAB on 0344 771010.

Vouchers may also be available from The AK Centre, 68 Alum Rock Rd B8 1JA.

IF YOU NEED HELP PLEASE SPEAK TO NUSRAT OR SARAH.