



Newtown Nursery School – September Newsletter

Hello,

Welcome to all of our new families, we are so pleased you have joined us at Newtown and welcome back to all of our returning families, it has been lovely to see you all.

This is the first of our monthly news letters, where we share exciting things that have happened and give you dates and information about events and activities that will be happening.

We have all been really impressed by how settled and happy the children have been so far, even when they have said good bye to mum and dad. Settling into a new place, with new adults and children can be daunting, and each child will settle in their own time. Ensuring that the children trust us and feel happy and comfortable is so important, building a trusting relationship with their key person is essential for learning. Children who feel secure in their environment and have good relationships will embrace many more learning opportunities. In other words...

POSTIVE RELATIONSHIPS = CONFIDENT CHILDREN WHO ARE READY TO LEARN.
(which is what we want!!)

This is why we take the settling period so seriously, we know how important it is to get our relationships right!

Here are few top tips to help your child settle at nursery:

- ✦ Talk about nursery school at home, remind them of all the lovely things they can do when they arrive.
- ✦ Talk about their key person, remind them of their name and talk about how she will help them at nursery school.
- ✦ Have a look at our website and watch up reading stories and sharing activities (<https://www.newtownn.bham.sch.uk/>)
- ✦ Reassure your child that you will be back, talk through the day so they know when they will see you.

Remember we are here to help. If you are worried or have any questions please just ask.

We have all been saddened this week by the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Our returning children will have very fond memories of our jubilee celebrations, they really enjoyed learning about the Queen and therefore I am sure that some children will have been asking questions about her death at home and have been upset about the news. If you need any advice or support about how to talk about death with your child, please do speak to us.

We very sadly said good bye to Mrs Mandy Cryan in July, who had been our Executive Head Teacher since 2019. But it is with great pleasure that we welcome Mrs Michelle Slymn who has taken on the role of Executive Head Teacher. She is settling in well and is looking forward to getting to know you all. We also welcome our new Building Services Manager, Mr Stephen Muckley. He has already been working very hard in our outdoor classroom, where we have some beautiful new trellis and gates.

Here's to another fabulous year at Newtown, we look forward to working with you all this year.

Kind regards,

Sarah Roberts - Deputy Headteacher

Important Notices

Important Dates

☉ Monday 19th September - Bank Holiday

We will be closed as a mark of respect for the state funeral of the Queen

☉ 24th October to 28th October - Half Term.

We will be inviting a story teller to Newtown this half term and we will be holding parent workshops. You will be notified of the dates very soon.

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.