

Autumn Term 2023/24

Safeguarding/Child Protection Officer—Mrs R Tyler

Monday 18th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! The summer seems a distant memory as we are now back into the swing of things and it is lovely to welcome our new children into the setting (you are just superstars) and a big well done to our existing children who have seamlessly returned.

Staffing this term—

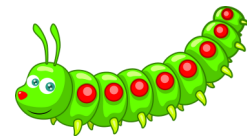
Butterflies

Mrs Richards
Miss Gilchrist
Mrs Newton
Mrs Nelson
Miss Dailey



Caterpillars

Mrs Clays
Miss Barrow
Miss Jones
Miss Rice



Office staff—Mrs Steel and Miss Smith

General Information:

- ◆ Snack money is £1 a week or you can pay in full for the half term/full term
- ◆ Library books will be going home soon. Please return these in your child's book bag on their first day back each week. We hope you enjoy sharing the books with your child.
- ◆ If you pay fees, they must be paid in advance (eg as soon as possible when you receive your bill)
- ◆ Uniform should be worn on all days that your child attends. A set of spare clothes (including underwear and socks) should be sent into nursery in case of accidents – please make sure that your child's NAME is in EVERY ITEM
- ◆ Please do not send water bottles into nursery, we will make sure that your child has a drink when needed
- ◆ If your child is not toilet trained, please keep them in nappies NOT pull ups for nursery
- ◆ No dummies or bottles on site. **Advice from speech and language is that 2, 3 and 4 year olds do not need a dummy or bottle. If you choose to allow your child to have a dummy, please only allow it at bedtime. It really doesn't help your child if they are upset in nursery and their comfort is a dummy!**

Speech and language continues to be a priority for us, your child will be experiencing Chatterboxes, Big Book of Ideas, TalkBoost, Teaching Children to Listen, and Words of the Week. Please continue to support us by talking to your child about nursery and their interests.

We will continue to share your child's journey on iTrack. If you haven't yet signed up, please let Mrs Steel know. We really enjoy it when you share all of the things that your child does at home so please respond to our posts; it could be anything at all (washing the dishes, blowing bubbles, sharing a story) - this really helps us to build relationships with your child and encourages them to talk about the photograph. You will also be able to see what topics and books your child is experiencing while in nursery so that you can follow along at home if you wish to do so.

Parent/Carers Meetings—We are looking forward to being able to speak to you about your child. These meetings will be on site. This gives us an opportunity to let you know how your child is doing, what we are working on and how we track your child. You will receive a letter about this shortly.

If you have a younger child or family member who would like a place in our nursery, please fill in an application form to go onto our waiting list. Thankfully we have been really successful here at St Brigid's nursery but it does mean that we are over subscribed. It is never too early to fill in a form for the future.



If your child turns 4 before August 31st 2024, **you need to apply for a school place** very soon; you should have received an email from me with all the details on. Remember, you must apply to the authority you live in—Knowsley (maroon bin) or Liverpool (purple bin). **Please be aware that attending our Nursery DOES NOT guarantee a place in our school.**

As part of our RE curriculum, this term we are learning about family, Baptism, Advent and Christmas, we will also be learning about Diwali. Please find attached the prayers your child will be learning in nursery. If you would like to get your child baptised please go along to mass on a Sunday (10am) and Father David will provide you with the information you need to prepare.

As the weather changes, we will start to look at events that are coming up (Hallowe'en / Bonfire Night / Christmas). After half term, we will also be preparing the children for their nativity performances by learning new songs with the children and I will be in touch regarding how we will present that to you. We know how much parents and families love to come and see their children perform but we need to consider the ages and needs of the children so will be planning our performances with their needs as the priority.

As part of our links with the wider community, we try to include as many experiences as possible in nursery and we are hopeful that the Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service will be coming along this term for the children to learn all about their job and explore the equipment the use. If you are aware of anyone who would like to spare us an hour to share their job or culture with us, please speak to a member of staff.

Hopefully you have received an email informing you of a school foodbank that we are starting, please indicate if you need support via that email or feel free to hand in any goods you think may help others.

Bright Sky is a free to download mobile app providing support and information for anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or those concerned about someone they know. The app is also available to use in Polish, Punjabi and Urdu. For more information, please see details and advice about using the app in your app store:



[Bright Sky in Apple Store](#)

[Bright Sky in Google Play](#)

Further Bright Sky support is also available under NHS [Support Now](#) section titled '[Finding calm amongst the chaos](#)'.

Important Dates

Monday 16th October	Parent/Carers meetings will start	(these will happen over a period of 3 weeks)
Friday 27th October	Nursery closes for 1/2 term	
Monday 6th November	Nursery re-opens	
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day—Pudsey	(children can wear own clothes/pyjamas/something spotty)
Friday 1st December	School Closed	(occasional holiday—see dates on website)
Wednesday 13th December	Butterfly Nativity Performance	10.45am
Tuesday 19th December	Nursery Christmas Party	
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Jumper Day	& Christmas Dinner
	Nursery closes for Christmas	(*this date differs from the main school)

Thank you for your support, it is really appreciated.

Mrs S Richards
(Senior Assistant Headteacher)

