



Appletree Nursery School

Autumn Term Newsletter

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You may have noticed our re-vamped reception! We are part of the We are Reading initiative, to help promote children's love of reading. **Please start borrowing books or toy bags to use at home with your children.**

There is a clipboard in the library for you to sign out any items taken.

Thank you.



Important dates

Half Term Holiday

We close after school on Friday 19th October for the half term holiday.
We re-open on **Monday 29th October**.

Vacancy for a Parent Governor

We have **vacancies for two Parent Governors**. Please speak to Christine or Firdauwse if you would like to be involved in the governance of our school or if you would like more information about what this role involves.

Staffing Updates

It is with sadness that Stephen McCann will be leaving Appletree Nursery School on Wednesday 31st October.

We would like to say thank you to Stephen for all his hard work and wish him well for the future.

Lynne Kilpatrick is in Nursery this term to fill our SENCO position temporarily. Interviews are taking place shortly for a permanent replacement for Andrea Diggle, who left us last term. As soon as we appoint, we will inform parents.

We still have spaces available for children aged 2 - 4. If you have any friends/relatives who are looking for a nursery place for their child please let them know . We would be delighted to show them around Nursery.



Opening Hours and Session times

We are now offering a wider range of session times in Apple Blossom for our funded children. As well as the current sessions available (5 x am or 5 x pm sessions), **we now offer 2½ days:**

- Monday, Tuesday 9am - 3pm and Wednesday 8.30am - 11.30am or
- Wednesday 12.30pm - 3.30pm and Thursday, Friday 9am - 3pm.

Please speak to your child's keyworker for details.

We are open until 4pm. Please speak to Lindsay or Firdauwse should you require a payable 4pm finish for your child.

Concern around the future of maintained Nursery schools

I'd like to bring your attention to the national campaign to secure the future of maintained nursery schools, the Early Years National Funding Formula. From April 2020 Maintained Nursery Schools around the country, like Appletree, are expected to be receiving a much lower budget and will be at risk of closure. Christine and Valerie Pearson will be attending a meeting on 12th October with other nursery head teachers and governors.

What you can do:

Please sign a sample letter from our school office that we will post to our local MP Cat Smith, by Friday 19th October.

We do not want Lancaster to lose its only maintained nursery school.

Reminder about We are Reading Volunteers

If you know anyone who would be interested in reading with children in Nursery, (Grandparents/Neighbours/Friends) as part of our 'We are Reading' project, please give their details into the school office.

On Tuesdays, we now have Jack Yates volunteering in the nursery until further notice. Any other volunteers are very welcome to contact school.

Fundraising

We would like say a big thank you for all the support we received on the run up to the summer holidays with fundraising. The head teacher and governors from Willow Lane Primary School kindly donated an additional piece of their land to help us improve the outdoor area for the Apple Blossom children. We have used the additional funds to enhance this area for the children.

We have received no recent update on the future use of the Neighbourhood room at Appletree Nursery School. In the meantime we are considering running our own sensory play sessions for younger children (birth - 2 years) Please complete and return the attached slip with details of your younger children so that we can contact you about session times.



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Name of Child	Child's D.O.B	Name of Adult	Contact details	Preferred Day/s	AM or PM