



# Newsletter

## Oakengates Nursery School

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## Welcome to our Nursery School!

We are delighted to welcome our new children and their parents and carers. We hope that our returning children have had a lovely summer break. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the autumn term.



Visit [www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk) to find all the important information you need to know about our Nursery School on our website. This includes information about our Federated Board of Governors, policies, our weekly newsletters, important dates and special events, charges for our daycare and wrap around session prices.

## Preschool Reading Workshop

We would like to invite the parents and carers of our preschool children to a reading workshop on Tuesday 10th September, with sessions running from 9am-10am, 12.30pm-1.30pm and 5pm –6pm. A letter will be sent home with your child. Please use the reply slip to indicate which session you would like to attend.

### Term dates for funded children 2019-20

**Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 25th October**

**HALF TERM** 28th October-1st November

**PD DAY** Monday 4th November: Nursery CLOSED to funded children other than those on a 30 hours stretched contract.

**Tuesday 5th November to Friday 20th December**

**PD DAY** Monday 6th January Nursery CLOSED to funded children other than those on a 30 hours stretched contract.

**Tuesday 7th January to Friday 14th February**

Just a reminder that a snack donation of £1 per week is requested from our preschool children and funded toddlers. Your contribution helps us to ensure that the children have access to healthy options at snack time each day.



### Uniform and book bags

If you would like to buy a book bag or uniform for your child, please speak to the office for details. We can accept cash payments only, preferably with correct amount. Please be advised that uniform may need to be ordered, although we do have a small stock.

### CHANGES TO BOOKINGS

To avoid disappointment, please give 2 weeks' notice when requesting additional paid sessions or booking changes. Please request changes by letter or email to [Oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk](mailto:Oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk). Please note that we may not always be able to give you an immediate answer because staffing changes may need to be considered in order to ensure that adult/child ratios remain within statutory requirements. The notice period to cancel your place at the Nursery is 4 weeks.

### LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY COLLECTIONS

Good attendance and punctuality prepares your child for the next stage of their education at school. A late arrival or early collection means that your child may miss out on valuable learning experience. Irregular routines can also cause your child distress. Therefore you will be required to give a valid reason when your child arrives late or an appointment card for an early collection. To avoid other children's learning being disturbed the admin staff will take or collect your child to or from the room.

### Toddler Room

We would like to welcome Haley back to the toddler room. She will be working 7:15- 12:30 and supporting purple group.

Our focus stories accompanying our theme of **'All About Me'** will be *'Titch'*, *'Tidy Titch'*, *'Owl Babies'* and *'All Kinds of People'*,

Our focus song this week will be *'Twinkle, twinkle little star'*.

We will talk about our families and home life using family trees and exploring resources in the home corner. We will create faces using playdough, cutting hair made of wool using our scissors skills.

We will use bikes, wheels and bubbles to explore how objects move.

We will learn how to follow snack routines eating healthy fruit and vegetables, and how to use one handed tools such as knives to cut and jugs to pour drinks.

Brenda Bear will be going home with Karon's green group. Please see Karon and she will organise this with you.

There will be a reading box available for all children to choose a story to take home each night. Please complete their reading log as you collect a new book.

### Preschool

All of the staff would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone in Preschool. We hope you have had a lovely summer and look forward to hearing all about your adventures with your child over the last six weeks.

This term our theme is **'All About Me'**.

We will be using the books *'Titch'*, and *'All Kinds of People'*. Our focus will be on making friends, sharing and learning our golden rules.

Outside the children will be enjoying playing team games to encourage sharing and eye contact.

In the sunshine room we are exploring the playdough to make faces, using objects such as pipe cleaners, buttons and cork to add features.

The children have loved our new home corner, and have been fascinated with all the tactile objects available. Any donations of household objects made of wood, china or metal would be gratefully received.

### Baby Room

This week our theme will be **"Amazing Me!"** We will focus on the story *'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'*.

We will use mirrors and shiny reflective materials on the floor for the babies to move over and explore, and to learn about what we look like.

The rhymes of the week will be **"Polly put the kettle on"** and **"Twinkle, twinkle little star"**.

We will be using this song to learn each other's names.

In our outdoor space we will use our bodies to move in different ways to music. We will be waving, clapping, crawling, climbing, and taking small risks and challenges in a safe environment.

We have made a display using a tree in the Rising Two's Room and would be most grateful if you could send pictures in for your young ones to share with their friends and staff.

### Rising 2's Room

This week our theme will be **"Amazing Me!"** We will focus on the story *'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'*.

We will use mirrors and shiny reflective materials on the tables to learn about what we can see and what we look like, and we will be introducing new vocabulary.

The rhymes of the week will be **"We all play together"** and **"Humpty Dumpty"**. We will use this song to learn the names of our peers.

In our outdoor space we will be finding different ways to move our bodies: Jumping, running, catching and kicking large balls.

We have made a display using a tree in our rising two's room and would be most grateful if you could send pictures in for your young ones to share with their friends and staff.

Please contact us by telephone or email if your child is ill or if you are going on holiday. This way we will know why your child is absent and there will be no need to contact you. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**PLEASE CAN PARENTS ENTERING THE BUILDING TO COLLECT THEIR CHILD ENSURE THAT THE INNER DOORS CLOSE FULLY BEHIND THEM.**

Any medication you bring in for your child **MUST** have a prescription label with your child's name on the box/bottle/tube. There will then be a parent consent form for you to complete for staff to administer medicine on site.

**CAN YOU PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED.**

We advise that children do not bring their own toys or other special belongings into nursery due to the risk of them being misplaced.