



Newsletter 24 September 2021

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Our newsletter is the best way to find out about everything that is happening in nursery, including details of our learning plans for the following week. It is posted every Friday on the home page of our website www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk

COVID-19 Update

We have seen a number of children in nursery with coughs and runny noses. Please ensure that if your child is unwell you follow our nursery policy and remain at home for 48 hours. Please follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk/information/covid-19-infection-control-and-child-absence>



Admin Hours

Please be aware that the nursery admin hours have slightly changed from this term.

Monday-Thursday 7.30-3.45pm
Friday 7.30-1pm

If you call out of these hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you or alternatively, please email oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk

The nursery admin office now operates **term time only**.
Thank you



Harvest time is a great way to celebrate food that is grown and produced and also to help those in need by donating food to charities/community organisations.

From Monday 27th September our Harvest donation table will be outside the front of nursery. We would really appreciate any tinned or dried food goods for us to donate to the salvation army and local food banks.
Thank you



Snack Donations



Just a reminder that a snack donation of £1 per week is requested from all 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.

A member of the admin team will be outside the front of nursery at the start of each session collecting donations.

Term Dates: Autumn 2021

First half term

Monday 6th September – Friday 22nd October

Half Term Holiday

Monday 25th October— Friday 29th October

PD DAY Monday 1st November 2021

Second half term

Tuesday 2nd November—Friday 17th December

Please go to our website to access all term dates for the academic year 2021-2022



Date for your Diary

15th October 2021



Tempest Photography—Nursery photos
More details to follow.

Check out our Website!

Did you know the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and the non statutory curriculum guidance has changed from September 2021? Click on the link below to read all about it on our website:

<http://www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk/information/assessment>

Our theme in nursery this term is called:

Let's Celebrate!

BABY ROOM

Next week in the baby room our theme is “let’s celebrate me “

We will continue to explore mirrors, reflective toys and materials by looking at reflections and naming our features.

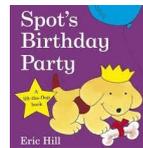
We will be exploring the playdough station -using autumnal loose parts, leaves twigs and herbs.

The babies will enjoy exploring sensory soup which will include slices of orange, leaves and natural materials in water. They will learn how to use scoops, spoons and ladles.

We will be singing the songs “When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears “How Much is that Doggie in the Window?” and “Hello eyes”

The book of the week is “Spots Birthday party “

We will also be dancing and moving our bodies to classical music outside and will be having birthday parties with our teddy bears.



TODDLER ROOM

Next week in toddlers we will be starting to celebrate harvest festival and will be discussing why its important to share and help others. The children will explore a range of root vegetables. We intend to sort them into groups, discussing, colour, texture, size and counting them.



The song of the week is 'If your happy and you know it' and our number rhyme is '5 little ducks went swimming one day'

In the home corner the children will be encouraged to write shopping lists so that we can collect some ingredients to make vegetable soup in the kitchen.

PRESCHOOL ROOM

Next week in preschool we are going to be exploring different maps and learning about what they are used for. *Can you follow the roads with your finger? I wonder If you can find the red dot for nursery?*

The children will also be creating their own maps of nursery and talking about them.

In the art studio we will be looking at the famous Mona Lisa portrait and creating our own collage self portraits.

On the finger gym we will be creating our own bodies using 2D shapes. *I wonder which shape we could use for our head?*

In the small world area we will be celebrating different families and creating storylines with the small world people.

Our song of the week is “if your happy and you know it”



Rhyme of the Week

Please click on the link below to access this weeks rhyme.



Thank you

Thank you to everyone that have sent in an 'all about me' photo sheet into nursery. Your children have really enjoyed looking at their family photographs and sharing their favourite things with their peers and Key Person.

GETTING A COVID-19 TEST

in Telford and Wrekin



You MUST get a test if:

You have at least **one** of the three main symptoms.



High temperature



New persistent cough



Loss of taste or smell

ISOLATE as soon as symptoms show, while waiting for test results **and if you test positive.**

You **CAN** get a test for these precautionary symptoms:



Headaches



Aches and pains



Feeling very tired for no good reason



Sore throat



Runny nose



Sneezing



Tummy ache in children

You **DO NOT NEED TO ISOLATE** if you have **only one or more of these precautionary symptoms**, or while waiting for test results for these precautionary symptoms.

You only need to isolate if you test positive or have at least one of the three main symptoms.

Book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus

For precautionary symptoms testing select: 'My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms'.

Coronavirus
Prevent the spread in Telford and Wrekin



Apply for School Place



Have you got a child due to start Reception or Year 3 in September 2022?

Online applications are now available [here](#).

The closing date for applications for Reception and Junior School Places (Year 3) is 15 Jan 2021

- * You must apply for a reception place if your child was born between 1st September 2017 – 31st August 2018.
- * You must apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- * Attending our nursery **does not** guarantee a Reception place at our school.
- * If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan the closing date is **31st October 2021** for all applications.
- * School places are allocated in line with

Do you need some help or advice with potty/toilet training?

ERIC's Guide to Potty Training

Children are ready for potty training between about 18 months and 3 years old. The leaflet on the link below helps you to recognise when your child is ready to start toilet training, how to prepare them for it, and what to do to make it a success.

<https://www.eric.org.uk/guide-to-potty-training>

