

Ramillies Hall Nursery

Nursery Newsletter - Autumn Term 2016

Welcome

A huge welcome to all our new parents and children, all of whom have settled well into the nursery environment.

Staff News

We would like to congratulate Alison Pope, our baby department supervisor on her new role as deputy manager, she will also continue to supervise the baby department. We would also like to welcome Gill Richardson who is a new Nursery Assistant and one to one support worker and Bethany Moores, a nursery apprentice to our team.

Sally Green will be going on maternity leave in November - we wish her and her family all the best.

Nursery Changes

Over the summer holidays we have started to implement changes in the Nursery departments: In **Baby Nursery** we have introduced a sensory snuggle den and redecorated the main play rooms to further enhance the children's learning and development.

In **Early Years** we are creating a separate outdoor learning environment that will give the children opportunities to explore nature and to learn how to play safely outside.

We will be focusing on the **Toddler** department this term, and are planning to decorate the big room.

Resources

We are trying to source open ended resources to enhance our learning environments, eg large and small cable reels, tubes and pipes, carpet tiles, materials, pallets etc. Can you help, please?

Clothes

As we are nearing the winter months, could we ask parents to ensure that their children have appropriate outdoor clothing ie hats, wellies and waterproof suits, as we will be continuing to use the outside environment on a daily basis. Please ensure that you label all items and clothes.

Car parking

Please can we remind all new and existing parents of the importance of not parking in the school grounds as there are often pupils on the driveway. Please do not park on the zig zag lines outside the school grounds either - the police do check from time to time!

Breakfast

If you wish your child to have breakfast at Nursery they must be here before 8.30 am.

Illness

We follow the Health Protection agency's guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings. If your child is unwell please keep them at home to prevent the spread of infection and so they can have one to one care. Could we remind you that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not attend the Nursery until 48 hours after their last episode.

To make parents aware we have had a few recent cases of a viral infection which has led to children attending hospital. Please ensure that your child is well enough to attend nursery to reduce the risk of infections spreading.

Office Hours

Clare Thomas is available from 9 - 6 on Mondays and 9 - 4 Tuesday to Friday.

Please feel free to email Clare - nursery@ramillieshall.co.uk. If you wish to phone us, the extension numbers are: 2 for Nursery Office, 4 for Baby Nursery, 5 for Pre-School / Toddlers, 6 for Early Years.

Fees

Please can we remind parents that fees must be paid in advance at the beginning of the month/term. Please speak to Clare Thomas if you have queries about your bill.

Tapestry

A reminder for parents - please could you complete your child's 'All About Me' forms and add home observations and 'Wow' moments to support your child's learning and development.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 11th October - 9.30 am onwards - Individual photographs. All children welcome.

HALF TERM - Termly children finish on Friday 21st October, back on Monday 31st October

Christmas Party for Toddlers and Early Years children will take place during the week beginning 12th December - date to be confirmed - from 1pm to 3pm. All the children in these departments are welcome.

Friday 23rd December - All Children (Termly and All-Year) finish for Christmas holidays. Nursery closes at 6 pm.

Nursery Re-opens for All-Year children on **Tuesday, 3rd January**. Termly children come back on **Monday, 9th January**.

Ramillies Hall Nursery Questionnaire

Please take the time to answer this questionnaire. It will help us maintain the good quality of our service and help with any future developments. **Please return to Clare Thomas.** Thank you

	Outstanding	Good	Satisfactory	Inadequate
How would you describe the care your child receives?				
How would you describe the activities on offer?				
How would you describe your child's progress?				
How would you describe the way you are kept informed of your child's progress i.e. informal chats, reports etc.?				
How would you describe the facilities and resources available to you and your child?				
Any comments-				

Are you happy with the provision for food and drinks?
Are you familiar with your Childs key worker?
What do you particularly like about nursery?
Are there any aspects of nursery you feel could be improved?
If you wish, please write a short testimonial below that we could use to show prospective Parents.

Questionnaire for children

Please help your child complete this or add your thoughts.

What do you enjoy doing most at nursery and what is it about this that makes you enjoy it?

Do you help the grownups in deciding what you do?

Is there anything you would like to do that you can't do at nursery - indoors and outdoors?

What things do you like to play with in the playground?

Do you like the food at nursery?

What do you like best and what do you like least?

Any comments you would like to make

Holiday booking form

To help maintain our excellent staffing levels throughout the year, please could you inform us when your child will not be attending.

Name of child _____

My child will be on holiday as follows;

Date of first normal session missed; _____

Date of last normal session missed; _____

Signed _____ parent/ Guardian

Permission slips

Name of
Child _____

I give permission for _____ to pick
my child up today.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

Date: _____

Security password: _____. This password and
permission slip is valid for today only.

Name of
Child _____

I give permission for _____ to pick
my child up without prior notice. I have sent in a photograph.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

Date: _____