

The Lea Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the children and families who already know us well. Welcome also to the new children and families who have started. I hope your child is very happy at Lea Nursery.

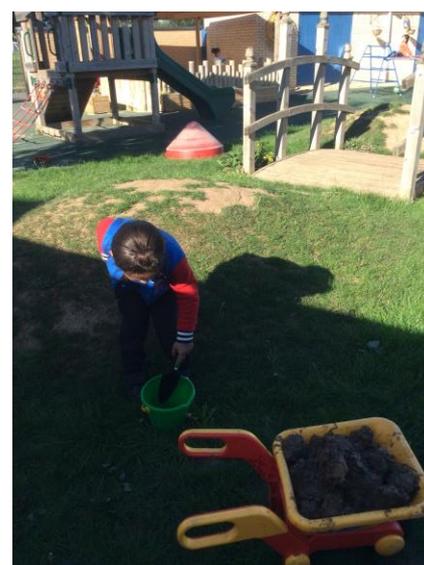
Over the next few weeks we will have more new faces joining us. Some children settle quickly, others take a few weeks. Please don't worry if your child takes a little while to settle- this is very normal. Please be assured that all staff will do their best to make all children feel at home at Nursery.

Throughout your child's time at Nursery please always feel welcome to talk to your child's keyworker about your child, his or her experiences and the things that you need support with. It is by working together in partnership with you that we achieve the best possible outcomes for children. If you ever feel anxious about any aspect of your child's Nursery experience please talk to your child's keyworker or catch me and ask to have a word. You will see me most days at the door or gate at the beginning and the end of the session.



Children's Learning.

In each newsletter we like to update you on children and their learning. Adding photographs makes the newsletter more accessible to children. Children often learn a great deal through real life experiences- here are a few photographs of a group of children planting clematis and grapevines by our new decking. In the next few years we are hoping the plants will grow up and over the top, creating a green leafy roof.



Breakfast Club

We have a breakfast club each morning between 8:00am and 8:35am and we still have a limited number of spaces available. There is cereal or toast on offer for those children who have not eaten breakfast. There is a £3 per day charge for the breakfast club (unless it forms part of the 30 hours for children with a 30 hour place.) Please note that this service needs to be booked beforehand- children will not be allowed to join the breakfast club on the day. This club is also only available to children who are 3-4 years of age.

The Car Park

As many of you are aware the car park area can be very congested in the mornings and afternoons. Please try (as far as possible) to walk to Nursery with your child. It is a good opportunity to encourage your child to ride his/her bike or scooter. If you are bringing your child by car then please ensure you park in designated parking zones and you are not blocking the flow of traffic with your car.

If your child is confident saying goodbye to you, then you might like to make use of the 'Walking Bus' facility. There are two Nursery adults who wait outside Iqra each day between 8:20am and 8:30am. They will collect children from there and walk them safely to the Nursery.

Collection Times

The children at Lea Nursery use the garden space each day. We encourage them to look after the toys and equipment while they are at Nursery. Unfortunately we have some older brothers and sisters who come to collect Nursery children who aren't looking after the toys and equipment as well as our Nursery children do. Parents are responsible for their own children (including older brothers and sisters) at collection time. Please do not allow your children to take out Nursery toys or make a mess in our garden. This spoils it for the Nursery children who use the garden every day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clothing

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for Nursery. **Please label all clothing with your child's name.** We are constantly encouraging children to be independent managing their own clothing. Please help us by teaching your child to put his/her own clothing (including coat and shoes) on. Please show your child how to hang his/her coat on his/her peg each day. Children have daily opportunities to paint and play with messy materials. Please send your child in clothing that you don't mind him/her getting dirty. We will always encourage children to wear an apron, but occasionally they do get dirty. Children have daily opportunities to climb in the nursery garden. Long dresses and high heels are not appropriate for climbing. Please dress your child in easy to manage clothing- dungarees and trousers with belts often make independent toileting difficult.

Your child has blue bag on their coat peg. This bag is to remain at nursery. Please keep a change of clothing in this bag. If your child gets wet we change him/her into these clothes.

School t-shirts and jumpers are available to purchase at Reception. The prices are as follows.

	Age 3-4	Age 5-6
T-shirt (short sleeved)	£5	£2.50
Sweatshirt	£7.50	£5 
Book Bag	£2.50	

Focus Children

Staff at the Nursery observe children and document their learning and development throughout the year, however in addition to this, at some point each term your child will be a focus child.

When your child is a focus child the following will happen:

- The whole teaching team will meet to talk about your child. They will review your child's progress across all areas of development and will think about areas where he/she would benefit from additional support to promote further learning.
- We will send a camera home with you and your child. We will ask you to help your child to take photographs of family events, family members and anything they particularly love to do or play with at home. We ask all

families to take a camera home because children often have a lot to say about their own photographs and they love showing them to the other children at Nursery. These photos go into your child's folder and you will be able to keep them when your child finishes at Lea Nursery.

- We will ask you to fill in a form about your child's development and progress at home. (Nursery adults are available to help you fill it in if you would like some support.)
- Your child's keyworker will ask to meet with you to discuss your child's progress. At the end of this meeting your child's keyworker will draw up some targets that are individual to your child. Regularly setting and reviewing targets means that children make the best possible progress.

Children are more likely to make rapid progress when Nursery and parents work together, so please make every effort to take photographs, complete the form and attend the meeting.

Attendance

Please don't underestimate the importance of regular attendance at Nursery. We know that all of you want your child to grow up to be well-qualified, well-paid and successful. **Regular attendance at school is associated with higher achievement.** We want all of the children attending Lea Nursery to achieve to the best of their ability.

Reporting Absence

If your child is absent please report it in one of the following 3 ways:

- Phone the Nursery on **01753 536492**
- Text the Nursery on the following number **078 6003 4214**
- E-mail the Nursery using the address post@lea-nursery.slough.sch.uk

If your child is absent and you receive a text please either reply to this text, phone or e-mail to let us know why your child is away.

Parent Workshops

Each month we run a workshop for parents. The topics for the workshops often relate to areas where we know you might need support. The dates and topics of the parent workshops for the year ahead are attached to this newsletter. Please make every effort to attend. **I would strongly encourage all parents to attend the 'Introduction to Lea Nursery' workshop.** In this workshop you will hear about our about the curriculum and how children learn at Lea Nursery. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Kind Regards

Nikki Cary

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I, parent of _____ will be attending the following 'Introduction to Lea Nursery' workshop:

- Tuesday 25 September 10:30am
- Wednesday 26 September 8:45am
- Wednesday 26 September 12:30pm
- Thursday 27 September 2:00pm
- Monday 1 October 5:00pm

(Please tick to indicate the workshop you will be attending)

Parent's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Important Dates

Autumn 2018

Wednesday 3 October 2018- outing to 'Look Out Discovery Centre'

Friday 19 October 2018 is a staff training day and Nursery is closed

October Holiday: Friday 19 October 2018 to Monday 29 October 2018

Monday 29 October 2018 is a staff training day and Nursery is closed. Children return on Tuesday 30 October 2018

Thursday 8 November 2018- outing to 'Jump In' (Slough)

Friday 9 November 2018- Diwali party

Wednesday 19 December 2018- Christmas party

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 20th December 2018 to Thursday 3 January 2019

Spring 2019

Thursday 3 January 2019 is a staff training day and Nursery is closed. Children return on Friday 4 January 2019

Friday 15 February 2019- 'Dads in School' day

February Holiday: Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019

Thursday 7 March 2019- 'World Book Day'

Wednesday 13 March 2019- outing to 'Odd's Farm.'

Monday 18 March 2019- eggs (with chicks inside) arriving at Nursery.

Friday 29 March 2019- 'Mums in School' day

Friday 5 April 2019- 'Bunny Hop' and Easter Egg hunt

Spring Holiday: Monday 8 April 2019 to Tuesday 23 April 2019

Summer 2019

Tuesday 23 April 2019 is a staff training day and Nursery is closed. Children return on Tuesday 24 April 2019

Friday 3 May 2019- outing to 'Odd's Farm'

May Holiday: Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019

Friday 7 June 2019- Eid party

Friday 21 June 2019- Sports Day

Tuesday 9 July 2019- outing to 'Legoland'

Wednesday 10 July 2019- outing to 'Ruislip Lido'

Friday 19 July- Goodbye to leavers celebration

Tuesday 23 July- Teddy bears' picnic

Summer Holiday: Tuesday 23 July 2019





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Parent Workshops- 2018-2019

Autumn Term

Introduction to Lea Nursery (This is a very important workshop and it is recommended that all parents attend this workshop. We are repeating this workshop several times to give all parents the opportunity to attend.)

- Tuesday 25 September 10:30am
- Wednesday 26 September 8:45am
- Wednesday 26 September 12:30pm
- Thursday 27 September 2:00pm
- Monday 1 October 5:00pm

Supporting Children's Developing Independence (Including toilet training, bottles and dummies.)

- Wednesday 31 October 8:45am
- Wednesday 31 October 12:30pm

Supporting Children's Behaviour

- Wednesday 28 November 8:45am
- Wednesday 28 November 12:30pm

Literacy (Including reading, writing and phonics.)

- Wednesday 12 December 8:45am
- Wednesday 12 December 12:30pm

Spring Term

Introduction to Lea Nursery (This is a very important workshop and it is recommended that all new parents attend this workshop.)

- Wednesday 30th January 8:45am
- Wednesday 30 January 12:30pm

Supporting Children's Developing Independence (Including toilet training, bottles and dummies.)

- Wednesday 27 February 8:45am
- Wednesday 27 February 12:30pm

Mathematics

- Wednesday 27 March 8:30am
- Wednesday 27 March 12:30pm

Summer Term

Supporting Children's Behaviour

- Wednesday 1 May 8:45am
- Wednesday 1 May 12:30pm

Making a Family Book

- Wednesday 12 June 8:45am
- Wednesday 12 June 12:30pm

How to prepare your child for primary school in September

- Wednesday 3 July 8:45am
- Wednesday 3 July 12:30pm



Outing to Look Out Discovery Centre (Bracknell)

We have planned a trip to Look Out Discovery Centre on the following date:

Wednesday 3rd of October

The Nursery will be open as normal for children who aren't going on the trip.

Due to the age of the children we rely heavily on parents to accompany children on trips. There are only 6 places available for unaccompanied children. We may be able to accommodate some younger siblings, but only if they are old enough to travel on the coach without a car seat. The unaccompanied places will be offered according to the following priority:

- Families where both parents work (and in the case of single parents, the single parent works.)
- Parents who are doing a course and have to attend college, university or other educational setting on that day.
- Parents who have a younger child who is unable to go along due to car seat requirements.

We will be travelling to Look Out Discovery Centre by coach and will leave Lea Nursery at approximately 9:00am and return at approximately 2:45pm. You will need to bring a picnic lunch.

The cost of the trip is as follows:

£20 for one adult and one child.

£10 for an unaccompanied child.

If you are unable to afford the cost of the trip but would like to attend please do come and talk to me about it.

If you would like to attend with your child, please complete the attached form and return it (with payment) to Reception. There are 70 places available and places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis

Look Out Discovery Centre Trip

Child's Name: _____ Key Group: _____

Please indicate the option that applies:

I would like to accompany my child to Look Out Discovery Centre (£20)

I would like my child to go to Look Out Discovery Centre with a Nursery adult (£10) (Please indicate the reason why below)
