

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 a few 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 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.

With so many new children starting we have been working hard to introduce all children to our code of behaviour- having a shared code for behaviour means that children respect each other and the environment and this puts them in a good position for future learning. Our code of behaviour includes the following principles.

We have gentle hands and kind hearts.

We are thoughtful and helpful.

We use words to tell others when we aren't happy.

We keep ourselves and other children safe.

We always try our best

Here are some photographs of children implementing this code...



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. **Please note that children need to be 3 years of age to use this service.**

Staff Update

This term we have welcomed Mrs. Sharma to Lea Nursery as Deputy Head. Mrs. Sharma knows the local community well and she is already having an impact at Lea.

Mrs. Aga will be working at Lea Nursery this academic year, working with children who need additional support.


At the end of this month Mrs. Urooj who supports children at lunch time will be leaving us. We thank you for your contribution Mrs. Urooj and wish you well in the future.

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	

Gates and Doors

We need your help to keep all of the children at Lea Nursery safe. Please help us by making sure that you close doors and gates behind you when you enter and exit the building. Please also ensure that you are not letting any children out of the doors and gates behind you. If a child does try to follow you through the doors please let a member of staff know.

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.

Would you like your child to visit 'Jump In' for free?



We are going to have a competition (starting today) to see which keygroup has the best attendance. The keygroup with the best attendance will be invited to visit Jump In on the 22nd October 2019. Jump in is a trampoline arena in Slough.

Please help your child's group to win by bringing him/her in EVERY SINGLE DAY! The winning keygroup will be announced on Friday the 18th of October. Don't miss this exciting opportunity...

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 **07786208889**
- 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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Important Dates

Autumn 2019

Term 1

Term starts on: Wednesday 4th September 2019

INSET- Wednesday 4th September 2019 (Nursery is closed for children)

INSET- Thursday 5th September 2019 (Nursery is closed for children)

Friday 4th October 2019- outing to 'Look Out Discovery Centre'

Term ends on: Friday 25th October 2019

October Holiday: Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 1st November 2019

Term 2

Term starts on: Monday 4th November 2019

INSET- Monday 4th November 2019 (Nursery is closed for children)

Friday 15th November 2019- Diwali party

Friday 13th December 2019- theatre outing to watch 'The Bear'

Thursday 19th December 2019- Christmas party

Term ends on: Friday 20th December 2019

INSET- Friday 20th December 2019 (Nursery is closed for children)

Christmas Holiday: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring 2020

Term 3

Term starts on: Monday 6th January 2020

Friday 14th February 2020- 'Dads in School' day

Term ends on: Friday 14th February 2020

February Holiday: Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020

Term 4

Term starts on: Monday 24th February 2020

Thursday 5th March 2020- 'World Book Day'

Friday 20th March 2020- 'Mums in School' day

Monday 23rd March 2020- eggs (with chicks inside) arriving at Nursery

Friday 3rd April 2020- 'Bunny Hop' and Easter Egg hunt

Term ends on: Friday 3rd April 2020

Spring Holiday: Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020
(Good Friday - 10th April 2020; Easter Monday - 13th April 2020)

Summer 2020

Term 5

Term starts on: Monday 20th April 2020

Tuesday 21st April 2020- outing to 'Odd's Farm'

Wednesday 13th May 2020- Photographer taking photos of children

Term ends on: Friday 22nd May 2020

May Holiday: Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020

Term 6

Term starts on: Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 1st June 2020- Eid party

Tuesday 9th June 2020- outing to 'Odd's Farm'

Friday 26th June 2020- Sports Day

Wednesday 8th July 2020- outing to 'Ruislip Lido'

Thursday 9th July 2020- outing to 'Legoland'

Friday 17th July- Goodbye to leavers celebration

Monday 20th July- Teddy bears' picnic

Term ends on: Wednesday 22nd July 2020

INSET- Tuesday 21 July 2020 (Nursery is closed for children)

INSET- Wednesday 22nd July 2020 (Nursery is closed for children)



Parent Workshops- 2019- 2020

Autumn Term

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

Wednesday 2nd October

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm

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

Wednesday 23rd October

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm

Literacy (Including reading, writing and phonics.)

Wednesday 27th November

- 8:45am
- 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 22nd January

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm

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

Wednesday 26th February

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm

Supporting Children's Behaviour

Wednesday 25th March

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm

Summer Term

Mathematics

Wednesday 22nd April

- 8:30am
- 12:30pm

Topic to be confirmed

Wednesday 3rd June

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm

How to prepare your child for primary school in September

Wednesday 1 July

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm



Outing to Look Out Discovery Centre (Bracknell)

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

Friday 4th 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 9:30am and return at approximately 2:00pm. You will need to bring a picnic lunch.

The cost of the trip is as follows:

£15 for one adult and one child (to go on the coach)

£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 (£15)

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

