



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly we would like to wish all of our Nursery children and their families a very Happy New Year! We are also pleased to welcome our new starters to Nursery, they are settling in beautifully!

Marvellous Me!

This half term our Big Idea is 'Marvellous Me!' during which we will be focussing on the things that make us unique and special. This will be great opportunity for the children to settle back into Nursery life after the Christmas break and also learn about new friends that have joined their class in 2022.

Home Communication and Tapestry

We aim to ensure that you receive lots of information about what we are doing at Nursery. The weekly whole school newsletter which you will receive via Parentpay contains lots of useful dates and pieces of information that helps us to stay connected to the whole school. We also use Tapestry to let you know of any specific achievements or play episodes that your child has enjoyed. As parents, you are also able to use Tapestry to upload photos, video clips and observations of any specific achievements to help us to develop a fully rounded picture of your child's interests and development. We love any opportunity to share these home observations with your child and they also love sharing any achievements or developments with their friends at Carpet Time. We really look forward to seeing all your photos and observations from home over the upcoming weeks!

Cool Milk

For those who aren't aware, your child is entitled to free milk during their time in Nursery. If you wish your child to receive this milk please head to the 'Cool Milk' website and sign them up. <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

You will then be able to order your child a milk for each day that they attend Nursery. Please be aware that if you choose to change or alter your sessions you will need to amend this on the website too. This will ensure your child will always have a milk provided!

Independent Learners

In Nursery we encourage every child to be as independent as they possible can. We are celebrating their achievements with them and every little independent skill that they learn counts as it helps them to have more autonomy and responsibility throughout the school day. Here is another reminder of ways that you can help them with this at home.

- Helping them to practice getting dressed and undressed by themselves.
- Practice tricky fastenings on clothes with them e.g. zips and poppers on trousers.
- Letting them use scissors to practice their cutting skills so that they can be more independent in the craft area.
- Encouraging them to tell an adult when they need help with their toileting.

It also really helps us if all belongings are named. Lots of children have the same drinks bottle/hats/gloves etc. and it can cause confusion if they are unnamed. Many thanks for your support with this!

We are looking forward to the year ahead in Nursery, if you ever have any questions feel free to come and chat with us.

The Nursery Team

