Don't Forget

- Cooking/sensory activity money of 50p per week, or £5.50 for this first term until Christmas.
- We would appreciate a box of tissues from each child for this term.
- No jewellery except small stud earrings.
- Spare clothes in a named bag to keep in school.
- If your child is unwell please phone school **(02083602149)** in the morning and then write a letter when your child returns to school.
- If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday in school, please note that cakes are not permitted, but your child can give out small bags of chocolate buttons.
- Please ensure that you arrive promptly both at the beginning of your Nursery session, either 8.45am or 12.30pm, and at the end to collect your child, either 11.45am or 3.30pm.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Nursery. We really enjoyed and valued being allowed to visit you and your child at home, and we are looking forward to working in partnership with you for the benefit of your child. We hope that most of the children will be ready to stay for the full Nursery session in October, but as we make our observations there may be some children who are not yet ready. In those cases, we will offer a shorter session, which can then gradually be extended.

Nursery Curriculum News

Whole school topic: Step Back in Time.

Whole school value: Empathy.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will be concentrating on settling children into school, learning school rules and routines and making our own class rules.
The children will get to know each other and different members of staff.
We will be working on sharing and taking turns.
Children will also be developing their independence and taking responsibility for managing their own needs, such as going to the toilet and putting on coats.

Communication and Language:

We will be concentrating on developing:

- Listening skills.
- Communicating clearly with others.
- Speaking in full sentences.
- Using correct vocabulary.

Physical Development:

Children will have daily access to the outside areas, developing their gross motor skills. Fine motor skills will be developed through cutting and sticking, puzzles, modelling with playdough and construction equipment.

Expressive Arts and Design:

We aim to encourage and develop creativity by providing a wide range of opportunities to explore paint techniques, pastel, crayon and collage. Children will have regular opportunities to express themselves using music, dance and role-play.

Understanding the World:

We will look at changes as they occur within the seasons, and different festivals as they arise. As we observe the children, different topics relating to our world and class will become apparent. As part of our whole school topic, we would like each child to bring in a photo of them as a baby, for us to talk about and display.

Mathematics:

We will be working on a range of concepts, including:

- Counting.
- Sorting.
- Matching.
- Shapes.
- Patterns.
- Sizes.

Literacy:

We will focus on:

- Enjoying a variety of stories, both individually and in small groups.
- Joining in with nursery rhymes and poems.
- Mark-making, including practising writing names.
- Tuning in to sounds, following the Letters and Sounds program.