Year Nursery Newsletter
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Welcome Back

Our Nursery staff are Mrs Thirsk, Miss Parker, and Miss Loosemore and Miss Curry. We would like to give all our new children and families a very warm welcome, and we hope you enjoy your time with us. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us, or phone the school office and we will give you a call back.

We are all excited about the autumn term, as we have some exciting activities planned. We will be encouraging our new children to explore the nursery and learn how to use our toys and meet new friends. This term, we will also be talking about jobs in the community. As part of this we will be looking at what we might like to be when we grow up. We will find out about the different occupations in our community and learn how these people help us in our everyday lives. We will develop our understanding of Adwick's character values and show ambition and perseverance to achieve.

We look forward to getting to know our new families.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Nursery Team

Important Dates & Information

Key Diary Dates

Key diary dates for the term can be accessed here.

The Foundation Stage Nativity will take place during the run up to Christmas. More details will be confirmed nearer the time.
Children will also be having a Christmas party, Christmas jumper day and taking part in children Need. We will inform you of these dates as we confirm them.

Visits

During the autumn term, we are planning to have visitors into school from people who work in the community. We are planning to have a visit from the police and the school cook. Children will have the opportunity to find out about the role and how they help others. They will be encouraged to ask questions to find out some interesting facts.

Carols around the tree. As a foundation team we will be inviting parents to come and join us for a carol service in school. We are hoping to hold this on Tuesday 15th.

Parent Workshop date

We will be holding a parent meeting in the autumn term to talk about what you can expect from the nursery year.

Instagram

Have you seen our Instagram page? Make sure to follow us @ adwickprimary23
We will be adding a post to the page every week.

Please take a look at the school website for further support and information on the Early Years

https://adwickprimaryschool.org.uk/eyfs-curriculum/

Curriculum Information

Literacy

The stories we will be sharing this term are:
Police
Firefighter
Doctor
What job could you do?
Real Superheroes
The Nativity

Children will listen carefully to these stories and begin to talk about what they tell us. They will use the language we learn through these stories in role play and small world activities. Children will be taking part in many mark making activities to develop control with mark making materials. They will have many opportunities to draw on a large scale, and we will spend time developing our perfect pinch to help control a pencil carefully. The children will also practise drawing lines, circles and shapes to develop control.
All our new children will be developing their understanding of our rules and routines and will take part in lots of speaking and listening activities.

Numeracy

We will have many activities to support children's understanding of numbers and amounts. The children will be taking part in counting activities to help them say numbers in order and count small amounts. They will be learning lots of counting songs to develop counting skills and say numbers in order. Children will also have many opportunities to play with Numicon, this will help children to recognise amounts, identify how many and compare amounts. Later in the term we will look at shape, size and measure.

Topic

Our topic for the autumn term is 'What does your job do to help our community?' Children will have many opportunities to ask questions and explore different roles, jobs and opportunities. We will be meeting different people from the community, who will share their experiences with the children.

Throughout the term children will have the opportunity to explore materials to create models and develop drawing skills. They will be drawing a self-portrait, using circles, lines and shapes to represent facial features. Children will also be talking about what they might like to be when they grow up.

The children will spend lots of time exploring all the new activities we have to offer in nursery, including playdough, painting, construction, sand, water, cutting and sticking activities. They will learn how important it is to look after their nursery and how to tidy up and look after others in our team.

Further Information

We have the highest expectations of pupils at Adwick Primary in terms of both their behaviour and progress at school. This is underpinned by our Character Values (see below), which shape and determine the culture at the school.

Character Values

- Compassion
- Integrity
- Respect
- Courage
- Ambition

Pupil Code of Conduct

Pupils are expected to follow the school's Character Values, showing respect for the rights and needs of other pupils and of all adults in our school community. We kindly request that parents/ carers support the school in helping their child to uphold our Pupil Code of Conduct by encouraging them to conduct themselves in a positive manner by:

- Behaving in an orderly and self-controlled way
- Showing respect to members of staff and each other
- In class, making it possible for all pupils to learn
- Moving quietly and orderly around the school
- Treating the school buildings and school property with respect
- Wearing the correct uniform at all times
- Accepting the behaviour correction strategy when given, and appropriately completing the behaviour correction strategy given
- Refraining from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school and in the community

The school's behaviour policy can be accessed here.

Attendance and punctuality

- Excellent attendance at school is important as it enables your child to fulfil their potential. Every single day your child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. We class 'Excellent' attendance as 100% and 'Good' attendance as 97%.
- Every child should have at least Good attendance (97% +) to enable them to fulfil their potential – every day at school matters.
- We kindly request that every child is on time and ready to learn each day. Lateness can cause issues with your child's learning and self-esteem.
- Drop-off and pick-up times and procedures
- Attendance Matters information

Holiday requests in term time

- You can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time.
- Any child or young person who is absent from school due to a holiday will miss out on important learning and will fall behind with their school work.
- In each academic year, there are only a maximum of 190 statutory school days. This allows plenty of time (175 days) for holidays to be arranged outside term time.
- Details on school holiday dates, bank holidays and training days can be accessed here.
- ***Please note, Adwick Primary will not authorise any holidays in term time. These will be categorised and recorded as an unauthorised absence.***

Pupil uniform

- Wearing a uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to a community and is also good preparation for Secondary School and the workplace.
- The school encourages pupils to look smart and avoid any extreme hairstyles etc. that detract from them looking smart.

- We kindly request that full uniform is worn at all times, unless it is a non-uniform day. Full uniform also includes having a P.E and/ or swimming kit when needed.
- Uniform will be checked at the beginning of each day during 'Team Meetings'. If all the children in the Team come into school in full uniform all week they will be supporting their peers in winning the weekly Team Trophy and earning an extra 10 minutes of break time per week.
- Please name all uniform as this helps if it gets lost.
- Uniform List

Food and drink at Adwick Primary

Drinks

- With the exception of packed lunches provided by parents, the school will provide pupils with drinks throughout the school day – this will be water and milk (if your child is entitled to milk) only.
- Please send in an empty water bottle with your child's name on it so that they use the bottle that belongs to them.
- Bottles can go home at the end of every day to be washed and returned.
- You may provide some chopped up fruit in the water bottle to flavour the water if you wish to do so.
- Any juice or flavoured water sent into school will be replaced with water, unless juice or flavoured water is recommended by a doctor for medical purposes.
- You can register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com

Break time snacks

- Any snacks that are brought from home must be restricted to fruit or vegetables, unless recommended otherwise by a doctor for medical purposes (e.g. dietary need, diabetes etc.).
- Fruit is provided by the school at the Lower site.
- Cereal bars contain lots of sugar, so we ask that you do not send these.

School lunches

- We provide our own catering for school meals because we want to keep costs low for parents. Our meals are currently **£1.70** a day.
- At Adwick Primary, all school meals will be prepared following the government nutritional guidelines, as stated in the Public Health Report, published in 2014, by Public Health England and the NAHT.
- We will provide Universal Free School Meals for pupils in Foundation Stage 2 and Key Stage 1. We are committed to providing food which is compliant with all national guidelines.
- Pupils are provided with a 'choice menu', which varies on a daily basis.
- Any special dietary requests for school meals need to be confirmed with medical evidence.
- Pupils are encouraged to be independent during the meal and clearing up after themselves at the end by tidying their plates and cutlery away.
- We kindly request that your child orders their meals online, from home, via the School Grid app. access this. You can order meals for a day, week and half term in advance.
- If you need support with logging no or ordering meals, please contact the office team.

Packed lunches

- Some pupils prefer to bring a packed lunch. If this is the case, we request that you provide a packed lunch that is healthy, e.g. an appropriate amount for a child, no fizzy drinks, one sweet snack (no chocolate bars).
- Please do not send items that contain nuts due to pupils that have a nut allergy.
- Please note, chocolate spread is also not permitted as it can contain nuts.
- Nut and Peanut Awareness information
- Packed lunches provided for school trips, as part of our Free School Meal provision, comply with National Food Standards.

Mobile phones, smart watches or other mobile devices

- Mobile phones and/ or smart watches or other mobile devices must not be used on the school property, both in the building and in the school grounds.
- If a child brings a mobile phone etc. to school, it must be switched off and given to their class teacher for safe keeping.
- Please note, the school will not be held responsible for any safekeeping of a Mobile Phone, Smart Watch or other Mobile Device.
- If a child uses a mobile phone etc. on the school property or fails to hand in a mobile phone etc. it will be confiscated and a parent/ carer will need to collect the confiscated item from the school. Parents/ carers will be informed if an item has been confiscated.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child and the school.