

# Welcome to St. Anthony's Nursery!

Mrs Matloob – EYFS Lead

Miss Hanbury – Nursery Teacher

Mrs Pearson – Nursery Teacher

Mrs Davies - Nursery Teacher

# Our Nursery

- We are a 3 form entry school with over 700 children. We have capacity for up to 90 children to attend Nursery.
- Access to the Nursery is via the gate at the front of school.
- Nursery comprises of two indoor learning environments and an outside learning environment.
- There is an area for storing coats, bags and lunchboxes.

# Staff structure

- In September your child will be placed in a group and you will have an adult as a point of contact.
- When the children have settled, we will confirm their group and who their key worker is.
- The children will be in one of 3 Nursery classes.
- The class teachers are: Mrs Matloob, Miss Hanbury and Mrs Pearson / Mrs Davies.

# Uniform

- Maroon cardigan or jumper with blue polo shirt, grey skirt/pinafore or trousers and black shoes. Please speak to the school office about ordering your child a free uniform.
- Please remember to label **all** items of uniform, including cardigans, jumpers, coats and bags.
- Summer dresses and shorts can be worn during warm weather.
- Your child will also need: a lunch box if they are on packed lunch and a water bottle, and an additional bag containing spare clothes if your child is likely to have an accident.
- Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions e.g. coats, wellies, sun hats etc.

# Our daily routine for September

8.30am: Drop off
8.45am: Morning routine followed by story time.
Continuous Provision
10.00am: Milk time
Continuous Provision
10.50am: Phonics
11.15am: Lunch time
12.25pm: Maths input
Continuous Provision
3.05pm: Home time

- The children will start with us on a staggered entry for the first few weeks to help them settle into our routine.
- Details will be on the letter to parents to follow.

# Transition Arrangements for September

- Children will have a staggered start to nursery.
- You will receive a letter confirming your child's start date and the arrangements for their transition.
  
- **Week 1** – (3 days) Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
Your child will attend a morning or afternoon session for 2 hours.  
am 8 30am – 10 30am or pm 12 45pm – 2 45pm.
- **Week 2** – 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Your child will attend a morning or afternoon session for 2.5 hours.  
am 8 30am – 11am or pm 12 30pm – 3pm.

# Transition Arrangements for September

## **Week 3- 16<sup>th</sup> September**

All children will attend a morning session and stay for lunch  
( 4 hours- 8 30am – 12 30pm).

## **Week 4 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept**

We aim for all children to attend Nursery full time, however this is subject to your child's needs and how they settle.

# Drop-off and Pick-up

- Drop off will be from **8:30am- 8.40am** via the gate at the front of school.
- Your child will be based on one side of nursery, each side has their own door for drop off and collection.
- Pick up will be at **3.05pm**
- Please be aware that the person picking up must be aged 16 or over.
- Use a password system if someone else is picking up your child. We must have consent from both parents if you are picking-up someone else's child too.

# Lunch

- Lunch time for the Nursery children is at 11:00am and the children will eat in the dining hall.
- You will need to pay for school lunches, if you are entitled to free school meals please contact the office. If your child does not want a school lunch, they will need to bring a packed lunch to school.
- I would suggest it contains no more than 5 items i.e. a sandwich, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit, a biscuit or a packet of crisps and a drink.

# Early Years curriculum

- We follow the EYFS statutory framework.

Our curriculum is built on this framework and is made up of seven areas of learning:

- Prime Areas: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development. The prime areas are the main focus throughout Nursery, as these are the building blocks for learning.
- We also have specific areas and these are taught daily - Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design.
- R.E – We follow The Way , The Truth ,The Life and children will also participate in weekly prayer and liturgy sessions.

# Early Years curriculum continued...

- Our aim is to provide a broad, balanced and fully inclusive curriculum, which meets each child's individual needs within a safe and stimulating environment.
- The children learn through a range of play-based opportunities as well as adult-led and child-initiated activities across the indoor and outdoor areas.
- We follow a thematic approach and have a set theme/topic each half term. This is heavily influenced by children's interests and important celebrations and events.
- We strive to promote happiness, confidence, independence and resilience in all of our children and for them to achieve good outcomes.

# Tapestry online journal

- In EYFS each child has their own learning journey which documents their achievements and progression within the curriculum.
- Observations are significant learning moments for your child and document their achievements and progression.
- We use an online platform called Tapestry.
- Our online journal gives us the benefit of being able to upload audio and video as well as photographic evidence of your children's work.
- It also promotes greater parental involvement and engagement.

# Communication

- We are more than happy to speak to parents at the door if you have any queries or questions. We kindly ask that you wait until the end to speak to the teacher.
- If you are unable to speak to your child's teacher, please email the school office and the message will be forwarded to their teacher.
- Please inform us and the office staff if your child has an appointment.

# Please be aware...

- Your child will have access to water, sand, paint, glue and chalk etc, as they explore their natural environment. We strive to keep them as clean and tidy as we possibly can but do not expect them to leave school looking immaculate!
- We will always support children with their toileting needs , please ensure your child has additional underwear, clothing and wipes in their bag if they have regular accidents or needs.
- We cannot be responsible for lost items of clothing with no name tag – please write your child's name in everything!
- Please keep your contact details and important information regarding your child up to date.

Do you have any questions?

Thank you 😊