

Boundstone Nursery School

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Autumn Term 2024 Newsletter

A very warm welcome back to Boundstone Nursery School

We hope your children are settling into their new routines and enjoying their first few weeks with us.

We have already started to explore all areas of the Nursery and Daycare; we are focussing on the development of personal and social skills, learning to develop our co-ordination and communication skills and being independent learners.

I am very proud to be the new Head of School at Boundstone; it is an exceptional place full of laughter, learning and a team of dedicated, caring staff.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your families over the next term.

Vikki Cripps

Autumn term dates for your diaries:

Little Tums Parent Tasting Session – Thursday 17th October 11.45am-1.15pm

Clare Brown, Oral Health team drop-in 24th October 8.45am

*INSET day - we are closed on Friday 25th October

*October Half Term we are closed- Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November

*Nursery Rhyme Week- 11th-15th November - Info to follow

*Christmas break we are closed from Friday 20th December for the Christmas break

Appropriate weather

When considering your child's outfit for their session in Daycare and Nursery, please ensure that their clothing is suitable for the weather that day, labelled and that they will be comfortable. We really encourage our children to enjoy all experiences on offer and from time to time this may mean they will get messy or dirty.

Please provide a small bag with labelled spare clothes for every session. Your child's bag is kept on a peg at child height, so please be mindful of what could be accessed by another child. No medicines/creams/hand gels or foods to be kept in your child's bag please.

If your child is unwell

Thank you to all our families for your continued support, please remember to keep your child at home when they present as unwell.

If you are unsure regarding our medicines/sickness policy, please call the room and speak with a member of staff.

New lunch caterers

We are excited to announce that we have Little Tums, catering our hot lunches. The food is so tasty and freshly cooked on the day, and then delivered to us before our lunch time.

Menus and costs can be found at reception if this is something that interests you.

Come along to our tasting session, 17th October 11.45am-1.15pm

Daycare News

Welcome back to our returning families and all our new children that have started with us. We are delighted to see you all and start this academic year with you.

Our core book this half term- Owl Babies

'A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home. Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill, wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So, they sit on a branch and wait... Darkness gathers and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does, and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her.'



We focus on this lovely story at the beginning of this new term. We are welcoming lots of new children and families in the next few weeks, so to read a book about a parent leaving and coming back enables us to reassure our children that their parent/carer will return later to collect them. We have a lovely quiet area in the room, where it is set up with Owl Babies props and books, the children are really enjoying this area.

How to contact us?

A reminder of our direct Daycare number - **01903 276862**

Email addresses-

Sophie on Sblackband@boundstonenursery.co.uk

Jane on Jboyland@boundstonenursery.co.uk

Our displays

In our main room, we have a display board that celebrates photos of all our families and another one of our pets. We would love for you to send photos of these in. This really helps our children feel more settled by seeing the photos of their loved ones and entices conversations. Feel free to email your child's key carer the photo's.

Late collection- From the Fee Policy

It is essential that children are collected on time. If your child is collected late, then staff may have to stay on beyond the end of their shift, to ensure appropriate staffing ratios are maintained. For children collected late after sessions parents/carers will be charged a late fee of the next session plus an admin fee of £5.00. Any collection after 5pm incurs an automatic £20.00 charge.

Autumn

The Autumn season will be upon us very soon, throughout this season we enjoy leaf collecting and printing, pumpkin carving, splashing in puddles, sensory experiences, making playdough smelling of autumnal spices and so much more.

We encourage you and your child to explore the outside and collect any autumnal items for us here in Daycare, we really enjoy having an exploration area with various items that encourage our sensory skills.

Many thanks for reading our newsletter and for your ongoing support. If you have any queries or questions, I am always available to chat with you, please call the room number or email me on lmcbride@boundstonenursery.co.uk

Kind regards, Leonie, Sophie, Jane, Clare, Ali, Nicky, Chelsea and Cheryl.

Nursery News

A very warm welcome to all our families, new and old! Many thanks to all of you who have hosted our Keycarers on their home visits. These are invaluable for us to gain insight into our children's lives and to aid the transition to Nursery.

Settling in

We have spent the last few weeks settling the children into Nursery. The returning children have helped to show the newcomers what we do and where everything is! During this time, we have begun to establish our routines and boundaries and get to know the children, so we are now able to plan activities that follow their interests.

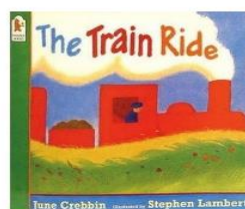
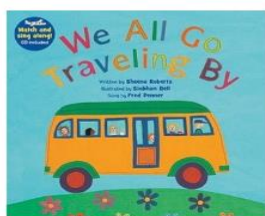
Nursery Rhymes and Transport

The areas that have stood out this term so far have been singing and joining in with action songs, as well as anything with wheels! We have chosen some songs and books to focus on, which you may be hearing at home over the coming days!

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on a Bed



Five Currant Buns in the Baker's Shop



Rethink your child's drink!



NHS guidelines:

A cup or beaker with a free-flow lid (without a non-spill valve) is better than a bottle or beaker with a teat as it will help your baby learn how to sip rather than suck. Fruit juices, such as orange juice, are a good source of vitamin C. However, they also contain natural sugars and acids, which can cause tooth decay.

At Boundstone, we provide milk and water all day in the snack area. If your children can't already do so, they slowly learn to drink from an open cup.

Gentle Reminders

Could we please remind parents to label their children's clothes, as this really helps us to locate items which go astray.

Could every child please bring a named pair of wellies and a set of waterproofs to keep at Nursery.

When collecting children early, could you please avoid the last half hour of each session, as this time is spent tidying and delivering Group Times. We do not have the staff to take children to the door at these times and don't want to interrupt their learning. Thanks for your understanding.

How to contact us?

A reminder of our direct Nursery number – 01903 270474

Thank you for reading our Newsletter, please contact myself or any member of the team if you have any queries.

Vikki