



New Bridge Nursery School Newsletter



Autumn term 2020



We hope you are all keeping safe and well during these stressful times.

What a busy, fun filled and exciting term we have had at nursery!

The new children have settled in so well and have really got stuck into nursery life. Our returners have been fantastic at being good role models; showing the children all the exciting things that they can do at New Bridge.

This week the children have been celebrating all the things they have been learning this term and have come together to sing their favourite nursery songs. You can watch the video on your child's Tapestry account.

Our Snowflake children have settled in really well and are enjoying a range of activities. It is working so well having the children come straight into the hall for Sensory Circuits where they can do a range of fun and exciting activities straight away.



Children in Need

On Friday 13th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. We will be asking children to dress up in fancy dress for a £1 donation. They could be a superhero, a princess, a pirate, a firefighter..... anything at all! Please do not buy anything new as we have plenty of dressing up clothes at nursery that your child can wear if they need to. There will be a donation bucket/ tin at each gate for any donations to go into.

Reading Family Aid's Toys and Teens Appeal

Due to the pandemic we cannot accept toy donations this year. Instead Reading Family Aid will be fundraising to buy and deliver toys to the most disadvantaged families. Please go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/Reading-Family-Aid-Toys-and-Teens> to donate. Fundraising closes December 4th.

Tea towels

The children (and staff!) will be drawing their self-portraits and we will be putting these together to create beautiful tea towels. This year is a very exciting year as we are celebrating New Bridge's 50th anniversary. This is an excellent gift for friends and family! We will let you know as soon as the tea towels are available to buy.

Tapestry

Thank you for all the wonderful photos and videos that you have been uploading onto Tapestry. It is fantastic to see all the things that your child has been doing at home. Please let your child's keyworker know if you are struggling to share things onto Tapestry and we will help you. The children love to share the photos and videos with their friends. It is lovely to celebrate all of the learning that they do at home.

Christmas celebrations

On Friday 13th December we will be wearing our Christmas jumpers.

On the last week of term, the children can take part in Christmas singing. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents, however we will be recording the event and sharing it on Tapestry. On Friday 20th December all children are invited in the morning for our Christmas party. **All Rainbow children** are invited in from **9am-11.30am** (No lunch club or afternoon nursery on this day). **Sunshine children** will also have their Christmas party in the morning- nursery will close at **1pm for Sunshine children** (no afternoon nursery).

Snowflake parents: The Snowflake team will send you further information separately regarding Snowflake Christmas celebrations.

Thank you

Thank you for your continued support during these tricky times. We are very grateful for how you have embraced the changes we have needed to make to keep children, staff and you & your families as safe as possible. Thank you for remembering to wear a face mask and for continuing to social distance.

We understand that this is a stressful and worrying time for everyone and we do hope our parental surveys have not increased any anxiety. We do not know of any planned lockdown/closures however we are trying to plan for every eventuality. We will of course let you know as soon as possible if our current situation changes.

As you are aware, we say goodbye to Attia and Chiara on Friday. We wish them all the best and thank them for the care and support they have given the children.

We are excited for Christina who is about to start her maternity leave and we wish her the best of luck as she starts her exciting new journey into motherhood! We can't wait to see photos of her new baby!

Dates for the Autumn term:

Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October: Half term holidays- Nursery closed.

Monday 2nd November- Nursery reopens

Friday 13th November: **Children in Need**- come in fancy dress for a £1 donation

Friday 11th December: **Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 18^h December: **Children's Christmas Party**. Nursery closes at 11.30 for Rainbow (15 hour) children. Nursery closes at 1pm for Sunshine (30 hour) children

21st December-4rd January: Christmas Holidays - NURSERY CLOSED

Monday 4th January: Inset Day - NURSERY CLOSED

Tuesday 5th January: Nursery reopens (Returning children only)