

Nursery Newsletter Term 1

All About Me

**Diary Dates\***

**Tuesday 21st September** – Draw a picture of your family and bring it to school.

**\***More diary dates are likely to be added as the term goes on but we will always give you advance notice of any changes or additions where possible.

Welcome to the start of a new year at Drove Primary School. We are looking forward to meeting everyone and creating new and happy memories with you and your child.

Our main priority within the first few weeks is to settle in your child and ensure they feel happy, safe and comfortable in their new environment. In addition, we also want to ensure that you are happy and comfortable.

Our topic this term is ‘All About Me’. This allows us to get to know your child as well as allowing your child to get to know the staff.

**Learning Through Play:**

In the Early Years we teach the children through play. It may seem that your child is simply having fun but please be assured that through play your child is learning about the world around them; valuable social skills and early numeracy and communication skills. The school’s website provides information on how you can support your child while they are in nursery. If you would like extra information or ask any questions about your child’s learning, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

 **Picking up and Dropping off:**

Please arrive on time for sessions and to pick up. It can be very unsettling for your child if you are late. Please use the gates, leading to the nursery gardens there will be a member of staff waiting to greet you at the door. We ask that you arrive around five minutes before drop off/pick up. If you are late, please contact the main school office and you will be given instructions.

The gates will be locked at **8.40** and **12.40** for drop off and locked at **11.40 and 3.40** for pick up.

If you are running late to pick up, please contact the school office to let us know. Your child will be waiting in the nursery garden for you with a member of staff.

**Becoming Independent:**

Although staff are always on hand to help, while at nursery children are encouraged to be as independent as possible. This means that they will be encouraged to put on their own aprons and coats and where age appropriate use the toilet. If your child is still in nappies staff are on hand to help and support your child through the potty-training stage. As part of this we will require you to complete a form allowing the staff to change them, please speak to a member of staff. Can we please request that they have a change of clothes on their coat peg just in case. Your child will also require a coat and suitable footwear as they will be in the garden as much as they will be indoors.

**Communication with the class teachers:**

We are available to communicate with you should you have and questions or concerns. Please organise a time with us to speak face to face or over the phone.

We are looking forward to sharing your child’s first term of school with you!

Mrs. Sheen, Miss Mackemsley and Mr. Young

**The Team**

**GN:** Miss Mackemsley, Mrs Khan and Mrs Graham

**YN:** Mrs Sheen and Mrs Cordial

**BL:** Mr Young and Mrs Szuster

**Snack**

Your child will be provided snack whilst at school. Fruit and milk is provided, but we also offer a nursery snack that costs £1 per week. You will receive a letter about how to pay for this snack soon.

Your child can bring in a clearly labelled water bottle. They will have access to it during the day.

**Absences or sickness:**

If your child is running late or sick, please phone the Nursery office to inform them of your child’s absence. It is important that you do this, so we know the whereabouts of your child. The school office number is 01793818600.

‘The Roots to Grow and the Wings to Fly’