



DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



2nd Half Autumn Term 2022

Wow what a busy first half of our Autumn term! We have welcomed lots of new families and their children. The children have settled brilliantly, and we hope our families have felt welcomed too.

We hope you have had a good week off and return feeling refreshed for the next half term. In the coming weeks we will be getting busy preparing for Christmas and participating in various Christmas crafts and activities.

Toys from home

We seem to have an increasing number of toys being brought in from home and we can not ensure that they will not get broken or lost. Therefore, we are requesting that your child leaves all of their toys at home please.

Any child that brings in a comforter from home e.g a teddy or blanket these are still welcome to help your child settle into pre-school life.

Duckling's carpark

We acknowledge that our carpark is only very small, and that at drop off and collection times it can become very busy. Therefore we ask that you park in a way that allows others to enter and exit safely, and are always considerate of others when you park.

Drop off/collection times.

A polite reminder that our doors open each morning at 8.45am, we are happy for you to arrive after this time up until 9am
Collection times are as follows;
11.45am (collection before lunchtime)
12.45pm (collection after lunchtime)
2.45pm for those staying all day.

Parents telephone consultations...

Our 10-minute parent telephone consultations are a really good way for you to touch base with your child's keyperson to discuss their progress and achievements over the last term. It is also great for us to find out what their interests are at home and to discuss what support your child needs for their next steps.

Please see below dates and times;

Wednesday 16th November

Janina - 9.15am – 12.00pm

Leigha - 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Tuesday 22nd November

Nikki – 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Amy – 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Please email ducklingscallington@gmail.com to book your slot.

Please speak with Nicola if these times are not convenient for you and we will try our best to accommodate you.

Christmas Raffle Donations

Every year we hold a Christmas raffle with the main prize being a 'Christmas hamper'.

We would be very grateful of any donations towards our Christmas raffle. These donations can be anything 'Christmassy'. Please can we have all donations by Friday 9th December.

Many thanks

Sickness policy, antibiotics and medication policy!

Please remember that if your child has D&V then they cannot attend pre-school until 48 hours after their last episode.

If your child has been prescribed antibiotics from their doctor they can return to pre-school after having taken them for 24 hours at home. This is to ensure that they do not have an allergic reaction to the medication.

On returning to pre-school any medication that needs to be given throughout the pre-school day MUST come into pre-school clearly showing the prescription label on the medication bottle. Parents/carers will need to complete a medication form on arrival.

We are not able to give Calpol or any other unprescribed medication. We ask that you refrain from giving your child Calpol/Ibuprofen before they come into pre-school as this will mask temperatures and will wear off throughout the day. Therefore, if your child is not well enough to not have medicine then please do not bring them into pre-school.

If your child becomes unwell at pre-school you will be contacted and asked to collect your child, so please ensure emergency contacts are updated on your child's registration form.

30 hour's entitlement...

A polite reminder that if you are eligible for 30 hours free childcare that you must renew it when you receive an email, otherwise you may not be eligible for the extra hours the following term.

Sessions

Sessions are now full until July 2023! Therefore, we are unable to accept any new children until September 2023!

Sickness and holiday

Fee paying parents please note that you will still be charged for your child's session even if they do not attend either because they are on holiday or are poorly.

Ducklings contact details;

If you need to contact us at any point throughout our working hours Monday – Friday, 8.30am-5.00pm please do so on the following telephone numbers; **01579 371045** or **07813929171** OR via our email address

ducklingscallington@gmail.com

NO NUTS SETTING

Please remember we are a NO NUT setting, so please ensure that lunch boxes do not contain anything with nuts in.

Many thanks

Term dates 22/23

Autumn Term 2022

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December - **1pm finish**
(Half term w/c 24th October)

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023
(Half term w/c 13th February)
(Easter Holidays – 3rd April – 17th April)

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April – Wednesday 19th July **1pm finish**
(Thursday 20th July - School leavers trip TBC)
(Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May)
(Half term w/c 29th May)

Christmas festivities

This year we are going to follow on from the previous years of videoing our Christmas performance and sharing it with you via Tapestry. Our festive performance will include the children signing and signing familiar Christmas songs, please keep a look out for further details which will include the date for all children to come into pre-school for the recording, what the children will be asked to wear and a songs list to practice at home!

CAN YOU HELP...?

Do you have any knowledge of the educational system and are looking for a new challenge?

Being a CIO, Ducklings Pre-school is governed by a group of trustees that give up some of their spare time to help make decisions and continue to help make our pre-school grow. We are seeking a new and enthusiastic 'Chairperson', as our current chair is hoping to step down. Without this role filled we will not be able to continue to open our doors and Ducklings pre-school will have to close.

Please speak with Nicola if you are interested and would like any further information.