



Nursery Newsletter - September 2018

Welcome back to the beginning of a new academic year and a very special welcome to all the new children, families and staff who have joined us this term.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at Turnfurlong Infant School. My name is Rebecca Ochiltree and I come to Turnfurlong after working in a variety of leadership roles in different schools, most recently the Headship of a school in Oxfordshire. I have particular experience and interest in Early Years, Literacy and Early Language. My office is full of children's books! I am particularly looking forward to getting to know all the children and families in our school so please do say hello to me when you see me in the playground. I feel very privileged to be able to lead such a great team and to be able to build on Jan Tyson's professional legacy as the school begins a new chapter.

As always at Turnfurlong Infant School there is a themed 'annual initiative' that is running throughout the year. The aim of our annual initiative is to be a stimulus for creative learning across the curriculum. This year our theme is 'Journeys of Discovery' so get ready for exploration, investigation and questions.

This newsletter has a lot of very practical information which enables us to keep children happy and safe and our school running smoothly. It also has dates for diaries so please take the time to read it carefully and put it somewhere where you can refer to it later!

Parking

Please could I ask all parents who need to bring a car to school to park appropriately, not on the zig zags or the grass verges, or blocking access for staff or local residents' driveways. The staff car parks are for staff use only and should not be used by parents for parking or turning.

Absence from nursery

If your child is absent from nursery, please contact the school on the **first day of their absence**. A message can be left with one of the office staff (Mrs Cooper and Mrs Darling) or on the answer machine (telephone 01296 489265) or an email message may be sent to office@turnfurlong-inf.bucks.sch.uk.

Any holidays taken in school time are recorded as unauthorised absence. Where possible, we also ask that medical appointments are made after school or during the school holidays.

Medical conditions

Should your child require an asthma inhaler or an Epipen in school, it should be *in addition* to the one kept at home and a medical form must be completed for school records.

If your child needs short term medication you will need to complete a consent form. Forms are available from the school office or on the school website under Parents/Medical Conditions.

In line with current guidance, no medicine may be administered by the school unless it has been prescribed by a doctor and is in the original packaging. We are not able to administer medication that has been purchased without prescription.

ParentMail - for new parents, or parents not yet registered

We use ParentMail, a service used by many schools, to communicate to parents. The main benefit is that we are able to contact parents directly by text message should the school be shut for snow or any other emergency closure. New parents will receive a text from ParentMail asking you to register your details with them. When you receive this please follow the instructions for registration. For assistance with this please see the 'Help' section on their website: www.pmx.parentmail.co.uk.

School News App

You can download the 'School news' app to Android and iPhones. This links directly to our website and has a calendar feature which enables you to keep informed of forthcoming events and times.

Do you shop at Tesco? Every little helps!

For the whole of September, Turnfurlong Infant School is one of the nominated charities at Tesco at the Broadfield Retail Park, so please drop a token in for us! All money raised goes towards resources for the school.

Dates for the diary

Individual photos - Thursday 20th September

On Thursday 20th September, the school photographer will be in school taking individual photographs of children.

Term Dates 2018-2019		
Autumn Term	Thursday 6 September 2018	Friday 19 October 2018
	Tuesday 30 October 2018	Wednesday 19 December 2018
Spring Term	Thursday 3 January 2019	Friday 15 February 2019
	Monday 25 February 2019	Friday 5 April 2019
Summer Term	Wednesday 24 April 2019	Friday 24 May 2019
	Tuesday 4 June 2019	Wednesday 24 July 2019
Staff Training Days	<i>Wednesday 5 Sept 2018 Monday 29 October 2018 Wednesday 2 January 2019 Tuesday 23 April 2019 Monday 3 June 2019</i>	<i>May Day: Monday 6 May 2019</i>