

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please note that it is half-term next week so there will be **no nursery school** after this Friday (21st October) until Monday 31st October.

Please see the end of this newsletter for Christmas dates.

Your child's behaviour:

When we talk about behaviour we mean:

- Children's approach to work and play;
- The ways they relate to other people;
- Their responses to all the experiences they encounter at nursery, at home and the wider community.

Young children have to learn about appropriate behaviour in the same way as they learn about other things in their lives and as parents and educators it is important that we are clear about the kinds of behaviour we want our children to learn.

In behaviour, as in all other areas of learning, you the parents are key to your children's development in this area.

This term we are seeing an increase in concerning behaviour which **together** we need to address. We all need to be **consistent in our approach** to unacceptable behaviour.

At Guildford Nursery School:

- We describe to the child very clearly and simply the undesirable behaviour we do not like and will not accept, e.g. "no hitting". We don't shout but we do use a firm, cross voice and show that we are sad through our facial expression and use of signs.
- At the same time, we describe clearly and simply what we do want to see and hear, e.g. "Remember to use gentle hands"

The most effective strategy for reinforcing acceptable, desirable behaviour is to reward it. **The most successful reward is adult attention, positive attention - smiles, verbal approval and time.** We would suggest that you:

- Use the child's name and
- "Describe" what it is you are pleased about to the child, e.g. "I am so pleased Sam that you asked to have your brother's toy."
- Tell friends and relatives about "good" things - kind, polite and helpful things your children have done, ensuring that your child hears your pride.
- Notice and recognise when your child is playing well, persevering, concentrating, co-operating and being helpful.

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Limit negative attention! Lots of children prefer negative attention to nothing, and this will reinforce the behaviour which triggers it and reward children for behaving in undesirable ways.

Our aim is for every child to be able to manage their feelings appropriately for it is this that will ensure that they succeed throughout their school life and beyond.

If your child has been biting or hitting others, your key person will be giving you a simple story for you to share with your child at home. This story will explain our no hitting or biting approach and we ask that you share it with your child at least once every day please.

If you have any queries or concerns please do contact me. We are here to support you all.

After school clubs:

These run at both nursery schools on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 4.30pm. Please ring or ask at reception if you would like a space for your child.

Healthy heart checks:

One you Surrey will be visiting **The Spinney on 8th November from 10am – 3pm** to deliver Healthy Heart checks to people aged 35 and over, this is a drop-in session and the checks will last approximately 10 minutes. **The checks are primarily for people who live in or are registered with a GP within the Surrey Heartlands area.** Please drop in for a check.

Kind regards

Sally

Headteacher



Dates for your diary:

24 – 28 October: half-term. **Nursery closed.**

7 November: **Parent meetings with your child's key person. Please sign up for a time with your child's key person.**

18 November: **Children in Need day, children can come to nursery wearing spots and/or stripes.**

Week beginning 21 November: **Come and do Christmas crafts at nursery. Parents can come to nursery and do Christmas crafts with the children. Your key person will be in touch to arrange days and times.**

28 November: **Nursery closed for staff training.**

8 December: **Christmas jumper day.**

14 December: **Christmas songs by the children for parents at 11.30am and 2.45pm**

15 December: **Term ends at the usual time.**

16 December: **Christmas parties, your child will be invited to a party at:
either 9.30am-10.30am OR 11am-12pm**

19 December – 4 January: **Nursery closed.**

5 January: **Children return to nursery.**