

Opal Class News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Knollmead Opal Nursery class!

We have been delighted with how well the children have all settled in this year, they are all beginning to get to know our routine and make new friends quickly.

It is now time to let you know about some of the things that will be happening within Opal Nursery during this term.

Our learning

Our main focus for the first half term will be settling in and getting to know each other followed by exploring the book 'Biscuit Bear' through the power of reading. Alongside these there will be opportunities to learn about cultural celebrations such as bonfire night, diwali and christmas. Please keep an eye on the notice board outside for ideas and suggestions of how you can support your child's learning at school and at home. Within our learning there will be many opportunities for you as parents to join us and share our learning experiences.

Fruit and milk

This year we have introduced a fruit bar. The children have access to fruit, milk and water all morning and will have the opportunity to pour their own drink. If your child stays all day at nursery please feel free to send in a healthy snack for your child to enjoy in the afternoon.

Nursery Uniform

It's great to see all Nursery children in their uniforms. Please make sure that they bring their book bags/rucksacks and water bottles into Nursery every day. If you have not already done so please bring in a pair of **wellington boots and waterproofs** (top and trousers) clearly named for your child to wear outside during the winter months as nursery explore outdoor learning all year round.

Home school diaries

We will be sending your child home with a home school diary. This book will be used for a communication book for you and to inform you about what your child has eaten if they stay for lunch. Please feel free to leave notes in it as they will be checked daily. You will be required to sign the diaries once a week. Please ensure these diaries come into school with your child each day in their book bag/rucksacks.

Nursery times

We would like to remind you that nursery starts at **8.40am** and finishes at **11.40am**. Please can you be on time as sometimes lateness can upset your child. If you are going to be late please can you phone the school office.

Express

We would like to welcome you to our express morning on **Wednesday the 17th of October at 10.30 am**. You will have the opportunity to share your child's learning with them. We have been looking at a text called 'Biscuit Bear' over the last half a term and would like to invite you in to take part in some of the finally activities we are carrying out in relation to the text.

Last notes

Please feel free to come and talk to us about anything when dropping of and picking up your child.

If you ask someone else to collect your child from Nursery please make sure you inform nursery staff and share a password with that person and the nursery staff.

Please bring in any home learning you do at home in as it is lovely to share these experiences within the classroom. It also helps us build up a well-rounded judgment of your child. I will put some slips in your child's book bag next week. You can return these slips with anything on which you have been doing at home. It may include pictures of a family trip you have been on, cakes you have cooked or religious celebrations you have been celebrating etc...

Best Wishes,

Miss Dean and Mrs Terrey