



NEWSLETTER - October 2015

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The
CHILD CARE
Centre


BRIDGWATER
COLLEGE

Welcome

We would like to welcome all of our new families who have started with us over the past month, all of the new children have settled in well!

Clothing & Essentials

As the weather is getting colder, we will be out in all weathers. Please bring your child in a **warm jumper**, **waterproof coat**, suitable clothing and a pair of **wellies**. Children need to come to nursery with a spare set of clothes, enough nappies and baby wipes if your child requires them, or spare underwear in case of accidents!

Photographer

Timeless Images will be here on **Tuesday 13th & Thursday 22nd October** for individual photos. If your child does not attend on these days please see reception to book in for a photo.

Staff Training Day

We will be closed on **Friday 30th October**.

Arrival Time

Your child must be **signed in and out** of the setting – please ensure anyone else bringing in or collecting your child remembers to do this.

Please do not leave your child before their booked in time. Children attending in the mornings need to be in the Centre before 11am so they can be settled for lunch.

Charity Fundraising

In September we raised £22.50 by wearing our Jeans on Jeans for Genes Day.

On **Friday 13th November** we will be dressing up to raise money for Children in Need; On **Thursday 17th December** we will be dressing up for RAG Day 'Raise and Give Day'.

Keep an eye out for more details on these events!

Holiday Play-Scheme

We are taking bookings for school aged children up to the age of 8 for the October half term. If you or anyone you know needs childcare in the holidays please contact us for more information.

Absence & Sickness

If your child is ill or is going to be absent from Nursery for whatever reason, please can you ring in or email **by 9am** if possible.

Please remember if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they need to be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before coming back to nursery.

Also if they are unwell and require Calpol, they are too ill to be in nursery, please keep them at home.

This is to prevent the spread of the illness.

Autumn Term Events

Over the autumn term we will be looking at events such as Halloween, Carnival, Bonfire Night, Christmas and New Year. This will encourage the children to notice festivals and celebrations going on around them and to talk about their experiences; sharing their involvement with family customs and routines.

Contact Details

If any of your contact details change please update them at reception.

Forest School

We have developed our Forest School – this will make it available for all children at the Centre.

Forest school enables children to learn in the outdoor environment building confidence, self-esteem & independence.

If you would like to know more information please ask your child's key-person.



Did you know you can now pay your invoices by Direct Debit?



0 - 2's Area

The 0-2's have had lots of fun joining in with Forest School - activities such as mud painting, leaf collecting and using higher gradients to roll balls and apples. We have also been investigating mini-beasts in the garden.

We have been focussing on the unique ways babies try to communicate using signs & STC (Somerset Total Communication). For more information see

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/school-life/somerset-total-communication/>

Please remember we like to be outside in all weathers - we do have waterproofs for the children however; clothes and shoes may get wet. Please ensure your child comes to nursery in suitable clothing, with a change of clothes / shoes.

2 - 3's Area

We have been running dedicated Forest School sessions every day; the children have had a wonderful time and we can already see an improvement in independence and listening skills. They have learnt the game '1,2,3, where are you?'. The children are now often heard in the garden playing this game independently.

Children participate in lots of messy hands on activities, this is a fantastic way for them to learn. Please send them in older clothes in case they get messy with paint, clay or mud (we do try to wear aprons!!)

Do please remember, waterproof coat, hat, gloves, wellies, and most importantly a change of clothes!

3 - 4's Area

Welcome to all our children & families. We have bounced back into a fun filled autumn term!

Children have taken part in lots of fun activities; we have investigated the changing colours of the leaves and looked closely at gourds (a type of pumpkin) and conkers. We also had lots of fun helping Lightning McQueen discover who had moved all of the bikes from the shed and covered them in mud! The children were super detectives, looked for clues and found a very guilty looking teddy covered in mud!

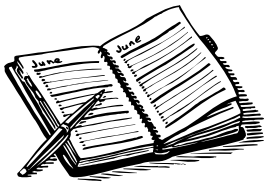
We have also enjoyed the story of the Little Red Hen finding out about wheat and different types of bread. We talked about how we should help people especially our friends; unlike the friends of the Little Red Hen!

We all worked together to decide on our nursery rules and have put them up in our room for everyone to see and remember.

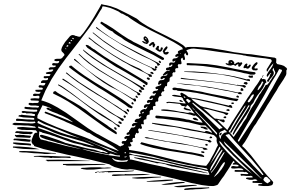
Your child may come home and tell you about being a superhero; this is our new display that helps the children understand how they are learning; i.e. thinking of ideas how to do an activity 'Agent Ideas' or 'Link and Learn Hero'.

If your child does something interesting at home please let us know so we can talk about it with them.

Please read the Parent's Noticeboard in our area to find out what we are doing each week so you can follow up on this at home.



Dates for your Diary



Individual Photographs	Tuesday 13 th October 2015
Individual Photographs	Thursday 22 nd October 2015
Autumn Half Term	26 th October – 30 th October 2015
Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Friday 30 th October 2015
Children in Need Day	Friday 13 th November 2015
RAG 'Raise and Give' Day	Thursday 17 th December 2015
Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Friday 18 th December 2015
Christmas Holidays – Nursery Closed	21 st December 2015 – 1 st January 2016
Deadline for Primary School Applications	15 th January 2016
Half Term	15 th February – 19 th February 2016
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March 2016
Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed	Friday 25 th March 2016
Easter Holidays	28 ^h March – 8 th April 2016
Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed	Monday 28 th March 2016
Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Monday 11 th April 2016
Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed	Monday 2 nd May 2016
Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed	Monday 30 th May 2016
Half Term	30 th May – 3 rd June 2016
Staff Development Day – Nursery Closed	Friday 1 st July 2016
Summer Holidays	21 st July – 31 st August 2016
Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed	29 th August 2016

A few events you might be interested in.....

The Walled Gardens of
Cannington

CHILDREN'S PUMPKIN TRAIL & CARVING

Mon 26th - Sat 31st Oct - 10am - 3pm

TICKETS
£4 in advance
£5 on the door

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PLUS ACTIVITIES



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The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

From the Book by Jill Tomlinson

Directed by Bill Davies. Based on the stage adaptation by Lynn Robertson Hay, with additional material by the Blunderbus team. Music and Lyrics by Frank Goodhind.

Especially for 3-7 year olds (and their grown-ups)

THE MCMILLAN THEATRE


Sunday 8th November 11am & 2pm

Tickets: £9/£6.50 Standard/Child. Family of 4 £25.00
Box Office 01278 556677

THE MCMILLAN THEATRE

Thursday 17 December 7pm
Friday 18 December 7pm
Saturday 19 December 11am, 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Tickets: £12/£9 General/Conc.
Box Office: 01278 556677




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