

# Stoneygate Nursery School



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Autumn Newsletter 3

**It is definitely feeling very autumnal in nursery...**the children have enjoyed crunching in the different coloured leaves that have been falling in our playgrounds and forest area this week. Why not see how many different coloured and shapes leaves you can spot when you are out and about with your child? Perhaps you could make a collage?

## Dates for the Diary

Bonfire Craft Stay and Play Session

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10.00–11.00 am and 2.00–3.00pm

Frenchwood Tots Community Group

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1 – 2.30pm

October Half term:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October inclusive

## Forest School

We have had lots of fun going into the Forest School with some of our children over the last few weeks and have been working hard on caring for, and improving, the area. There is a section on our school website with some more pictures from our Forest sessions, but for now, here is a sneak-peak into Forest School life...



**Polite Reminder** Please can we advise that you do not arrive at nursery for your child's session too early. This can have an impact on how your child settles into their session. The gates open at the following times for drop offs:

Morning session: either 8.30–8.40 or 9–9.10

Afternoon session: 12.30–12.40

Thank you!

**We are aware** of an increasing number of our children that are still using baby bottles/dummies. Use of either of these can have a huge negative impact upon your child; delaying their speech development. We kindly ask that you use a sippy-cup or open-cup with your child, as we do in nursery, in order to aid their development.

# A PARENT'S GUIDE TO WHY NURSERY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Why Nursery is Important

Going to nursery helps your child:

- Play and learn with other children
- Make friends and learn to share
- Follow simple rules and routines
- Get ready for school



Children learn best through play. At nursery, they learn how to talk, listen, take turns, and be part of a group. These skills help them do well when they start school.

## Getting Ready for School

Nursery helps your child get used to:

- Going to school every day
- Being on time
- Following a daily routine

When your child is compulsory school age (the start of the term after they have turned 5) going to school every day becomes the law. Starting good habits early makes school easier and more fun.

Children who go to nursery often are more confident and do better in school later on.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Make Attendance a Habit

- Show your child that going to nursery is important
- Help them feel safe and happy in a routine
- Support their learning and friendships

### Create a Daily Routine

- Have regular times for waking up, eating, and sleeping
- Keep mornings calm and simple
- Try nursery-like activities at home (like reading or playing together)

### Talk to Nursery Staff

- Tell them if your child is sick or can't come in
- Share any worries or needs
- Ask for help if you need it

### Holidays

- Try not to take holidays during term time
- Missing nursery can slow down your child's learning
- Holidays in term time are not allowed and will be marked as "unauthorised"
- There are 190 school days a year—plan holidays outside of these



### We're Here to Help

We know things don't always go to plan. If your child is unwell or you're finding it hard to get them to nursery, please talk to us – we are here to support you. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's Key Worker or pop in/call up to speak to Mrs Hunt, Headteacher.