

Spring Term 1
February

Ditton Nursery School

Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

26/27/28 Feb - Stay & Play (Maths)

7 March - World Book Day

11 March - British Science week

13 March - Firefighters visit

20 March - Farmer Teds trip

29 March - School closes for the Easter break

Further information will be shared via School Spider

Dear Families,

We would like to welcome all our new starters in 2s and 3-4s, and I am so pleased at how well they are settling into 'life at nursery'. They have got off to a flying start!

I am so proud of how independent all the children are becoming and the progress they are making with their learning. They are always keen to get involved and have had lots of fun this half-term.

Best Wishes,

Liane Johnson (Executive Headteacher)

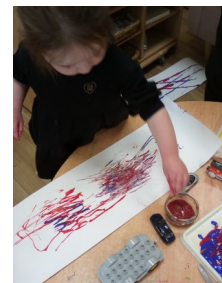
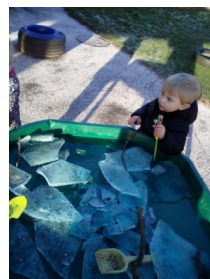
Nursery Update

As we bid farewell to another exciting half-term, we wanted to take a moment to share with you all the wonderful adventures and discoveries your little ones have embarked upon.

Our big question this half term has been 'Who are the people who help us?' We have been learning all about people who help us through our love of books. In 3-4s, we have used the non-fiction book 'Heroes Who Help Us' to find out about their roles and how they help us.

We were delighted to welcome members of our local community police force to nursery. The children had the opportunity to meet these real life heroes, learn about their important role in keeping our community safe, and even got the chance to try the different clothes they need for their job. A big thank you to our community police for taking the time to connect with the children.

The children have also been excited to explore the outdoor environment with all the changes in weather. We discovered hidden patches of ice which led us to make our own ice cubes, sparking curious discussions about freezing and melting. We were also very excited to wake up to find it had snowed and we loved exploring the snow, making tracks and building snowmen.



Our three and four year olds have shown a keen interest in sharks! We delved into the depths of the ocean to uncover some jaw-dropping facts about this incredible creature. The children had lots of questions and we worked together to find the answers.

Our two year olds have taken a detour into the world of vehicles, discovering the thrill of vehicles and the magic of motion. They have got involved in various activities from making ramps to mark making tracks.

Finally, last week we took part in NSPCC Number Day by having a marvellous maths week. We spent the week immersing ourselves in the wonders of number through various songs and activities, from counting games and number hunts, to exploring patterns and shapes, our nursery was abuzz with mathematical adventures. Through these activities, we not only celebrated the importance of numbers in our daily lives but also instilled a love for learning and problem-solving in our children.

We wish you all a restful and fun half-break, and we look forward to more exciting adventures in our lead up to the Easter break.



Stay and Play Sessions

We had a really positive response to our 'Stay and Play'.

We are holding our next Stay and Play sessions around 'Marvellous Maths' The dates are 26/27/28 February.

You will have the opportunity to stay with your child to see what they are doing in nursery, play alongside them, observe the way that staff talk to them, as well as see how independent they are.

Uniform

We offer a school uniform which is available at the school office.

Navy Sweatshirt: £11 Blue Polo T-Shirt: £10

Social Media

If you would like to find out what is happening in Nursery every week, please check out our Facebook pages for lots of photographs and exciting updates.

Wrap Care

Wrap Care during the holiday is from 8– 6pm daily.

This is offered to all our children and costs can be found on our school website.

For further information, please contact Catherine in the school office or email sec@affns.halton.sch.uk

April Intake

We still have some places available for our April intake.

Please give us a call for further information.

2 Year Old Funding

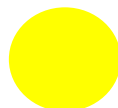
With new government guidelines, from April 2024, working parents may be able to receive 15 funded hours. To check eligibility please visit www.childcarechoices.org.uk
For more information regarding places, please

Attendance

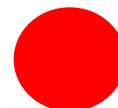
It is really important for children to come to school every day so they are not missing out on important learning and the exciting things we have planned. If your child is not well please get in contact to let us know.



Green (97%+)
is good attendance



Amber (91-96%)
is a cause for concern



Red (below 90%)
is poor

Snack money for this half term is £10.00. Can we remind parents that snack is in addition to your child's nursery funding so can you please also pay snack for this current half term if you haven't already done so.

Payments can be made: Half Termly - £10.00
Termly - £20.00 Full year - £60.00



Payments

Can we ask that all payments (snack money, trip money etc) are paid into the nursery school bank account or through the School Spider app. Please ensure all payments are clearly identified with your child's name and details.



Contacts

- Tel: 01514244687 Option 1
- Email: reception@affns.halton.sch.uk
- WhatsApp 07310 051855
- Message us through the School Spider Parent App

Dropping off & Picking up of children

Can we just reminder all parents and family members of the drop off and pick up times of children. The purpose of this is so the groups are not continually disturbed during the session

Drop Off

9 - 9.10am

12.45pm

Pick Up

12pm

3.45pm

30 Hour pick up 3pm

Privacy Notice

Please find the privacy notice relating to data protection on our noticeboard and website.



Disabled Car Park Spaces

Please do not park in these spaces unless you are registered disabled and are displaying your blue badge. Staff will challenge anyone who is parking here unless they can see badge displayed and you will be asked to move.



Yellow Zig Zags – Parking

Can we ask that parents do not park outside of nursery school on the yellow zig-zags. These lines are here for a reason – the safety of all the children.

