

Autumn Term 1
Diary Dates Update

Ditton Nursery School

Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning (Times TBC)

Friday 26th September—European day of languages

Wednesday 9th October— School Photographer

Friday 10th October—World Mental Health Day

Monday 20th—Friday 25th October— Stay and Play Sessions (Sessions TBC)

Friday 25th October—End of term

Dear Families,

Welcome Back Everybody!

We hope you have had a restful summer holiday and are ready for the many lovely learning activities we have in nursery!

It has been so nice to see lots of smiles this week and we are excited to welcome our new children and those who were with us last year.

I know the staff are looking forward to a fun school year where they can watch the children learn, develop and make lots of new friends. We are also looking forward to welcoming parents and families into school very soon so keep a look out for our diary dates and activities.

Very best wishes,

Liane Johnson (Executive Headteacher)

Saves the Dates—The Year Ahead

School Trips

Wednesday 26th November—Story Barn Trip

Wednesday 18th March—Farm Trip

Thursday 18th June—Delamere Forest Trip

Stay and Play Sessions

w/c 20th—25th October—details closer to the time

w/c 9th—13th February—details closer to the time

w/c 11th—15th May - details closer to the time

Other dates to save

Monday 13th/Tuesday 14th October—parents meetings

Friday 14th November— Children In Need PJ day

Tuesday 9th December— care home sing along

Tuesday 19th May—wellbeing picnic with parents

Wednesday 22nd July—leavers service and summer fayre

Staffing Update

Stephanie Smith—Deputy Head Teacher

Hello, I'm Steph, the new Deputy Headteacher here at Ditton Nursery School. I'm really excited to get to know all the children and families in our community. I've been an Early Years teacher for 13 years and have held a variety of Early Years roles before that. I also have specialist experience in speech, language and communication, and I'm looking forward to sharing this with the nursery. Please do come and say hello—I'd love to meet you!

April McCaslin—Teaching Assistant 2 year old room

Hi, my name is April. I have worked at Warrington Road Nursery for two years as a Midday Assistant, during this time I have completed my Level 3 Teaching assistant qualification. I am now fully qualified and I am looking forward to my new adventure at Ditton Nursery School.

Emma Lowe—Classroom Support Assistant

Hi, I am Emma. I've been part of the federation for six years, mainly at Warrington Road Nursery School. I have lots of experience working with children in Early Years and supporting those with Special Educational Needs. I love being part of such a caring team and can't wait to spend more time with the children and families here at Ditton Nursery School.

Jamie-Leigh Dean—Apprentice Teaching Assistant

Hello, I'm Jamie-Leigh. I am just beginning my journey to become a teaching assistant and I look forward to getting to know all of the children and expanding my knowledge of early years. I am looking forward to being guided and becoming an excellent teaching assistant!



Stephanie Smith



April McCaslin



Emma Lowe



Jamie-Leigh Dean

During our Community Picnics we raised **£34.08**, we are delighted to announce that the children as a collective had chosen to donate this to Halton Lodge – Housing and Homelessness Charity. This has been sent on to them and hopefully our small donation can count towards a bigger cause! Thank you to everybody that donated.



SEND

We have been so pleased to welcome back our children and see and hear about the amazing progress they have made over the summer break. Over the next couple of weeks, your child will have a new support plan shared with you by their key worker. We welcome any new information from you about their interests and new areas of strength to update their One Page Profiles too. As usual, any support you need please reach out to your child's key person or our SENCo Emma Mitchell. On the SEND section of our website are some useful links and resources that can support you and your family in Halton. We will also be welcoming some organisations to come and meet with parents this year through our SEND Coffee Mornings

Social Media

Check out our Facebook page for updates on nursery

Uniform

School Uniform is available from the school office.

Wrap Care

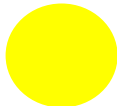
Wrap around care is available 8am—5pm. If you would like a space, or to enquire about prices, please speak to Catherine in the school office or email reception@affns.co.uk

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



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.



Full year - £60.00

Contacts

- Tel: 01514244687 Option 1
- Email: sec@affns.co.uk
- WhatsApp 07310 051855

Dropping off & Picking up of children

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

Drop Off

9.00 am

12.45pm

Pick Up

12pm

3.45pm

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.

