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Middlestone Moor Primary School **Nursery News**



A new year school has started!

Hello and welcome back to Nursery! We hope you all had a nice summer. Our returning children have grown up so much in recent weeks. It's been fabulous to see how independent they are becoming!



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A big, warm welcome to our new families who are joining us this term. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and feel privileged to be a big part of your child's early years journey.

★ What are we going to be learning about this term?

Your children will continue to lead their own learning and follow their own 🍲 interests. Mrs Bainbridge and I will support them every day with what they ★ choose to do and we will enrich their environments with interesting and stimulating activities and resources.



撿 As Autumn is almost upon us we will be looking at seasonal changes around us and going on nice Autumn lpha walks. As the leaves start to change and conkers and pine cones start to fall, your child is more than welcome to bring them in to show us. It is also Harvest season so we will be gathering vegetables and fruit and learning about how things grow. If you are an allotment holder please feel free to send some of your home grown goodness into nursery so we can try them!

We will continue to learn outdoors as much as possible and in all weathers. We would really appreciate it if you could send in a pair of wellies (labelled with child's name) for your child to keep at nursery. Thank you.



Drop off and collection

Please make a note of these times and pass on to other adults who will be dropping off and collecting your child.

Morning only sessions-You can drop your child off between 8.45-9am. Pick up is between 11.30-11.45am.

Afternoon only sessions– Doors open <u>12.30pm</u>. You can collect children from <u>3pm–3.30pm</u>.

🖈 Full day sessions- <u>9am-3pm</u>

It is important you pick your child up on time. Not only can children become anxious when their grown up ★ is late, but it can also impact on the rest of the day for staff and other children.

Obviously there will be times when traffic holds us up etc, so if you are going to be late, please could you phone the school office and let us know. Thank you.

Please can you remember to inform a member of staff if someone different is picking your child up. If $\frac{2}{3}$ you forget or circumstances change throughout the day you can phone the school office on 01388ሉ **816351** and a message will be passed onto us. If you would like to have a password for people to use to 🖈 pick up your child, please let a member of staff know. For security purposes we will not let your child 🖈 go home with someone who is unexpected without checking with you first. If you change phone numbers it is important we have your most up to date one in case we need to contact you. Thank you.

School applications

Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024? Primary school applications are now open until January 2023. Please visit

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for more information and to apply for your place. If you are wanting to send your child to our school, you must still apply for a place. If you need any support with this process, we are more than happy to help.

★ Family photos

Our family photo wall is filling up! It has been lovely to see the children recognise theirs and hear them tell their friends about who is in the photo or where it was taken. You can send in new photos as and when you wish or email them j.soulsby100@middelstonemoor.durham.sch.uk. If you have recently visited anywhere special or there has been a holiday or celebration, the children will want to talk about their experiences. A photograph will help jog



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their memory and gives them that link to home which can provide comfort and a sense of belonging.

★ Donations wanted!

We are on the hunt for an unused (but clean!) outdoor rabbit or guinea pig hutch for outdoor book storage. If you have one you no longer need, we will gladly take it off your hands and upcycle it! We are also wanting- crockery, big kitchen utensils (ladles, serving spoons etc), tea trays, copper kettles/urns, old clocks, phones, working lamps (any size), costume jewellery, any interesting or unusual artefacts and knick-knacks you are looking at getting rid of, computer keyboards, cameras, picture frames, wall hangings, artificial flowers and plants. Thank you in advance!

★ Quick reminders

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- ◆ Dinner money is £2.25 per day to be paid via the ParentPay app.
- Nursery voluntary fund is 50p weekly. This goes towards buying cooking ingredients, treats and extra resources they might want. There is a little piggy bank in the entrance. Thank you for your support.
- Jumpers, cardigans and outdoor clothing to be named please!
- Slippers may be sent in for children to wear indoors as most like to take their shoes off. Please can these be named too.
- We have Facebook page 'Middlestone Moor Primary School-Nursery'

Lastly I would just like to remind you that if you have any questions or concerns or you need to speak to us about anything, you can catch us at drop off or collection or if you need more time, you can arrange a meeting for when it's more convenient. We do have access to a Special Educational Needs teacher if you ever needed further advice. We will always try to help where we can!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Soulsby (Nursery teacher) and Mrs Bainbridge (teaching assistant)