



Foundation Stage Newsletter Autumn

All of the children have settled into school and we look forward to having a happy and successful year.

General Information

Tooth Brushing Scheme: Please return all consent slips by Monday 17th September so that we can order the equipment and get started. Please remember that this is an extra brush and is not meant to be instead of brushing teeth twice a day at home.

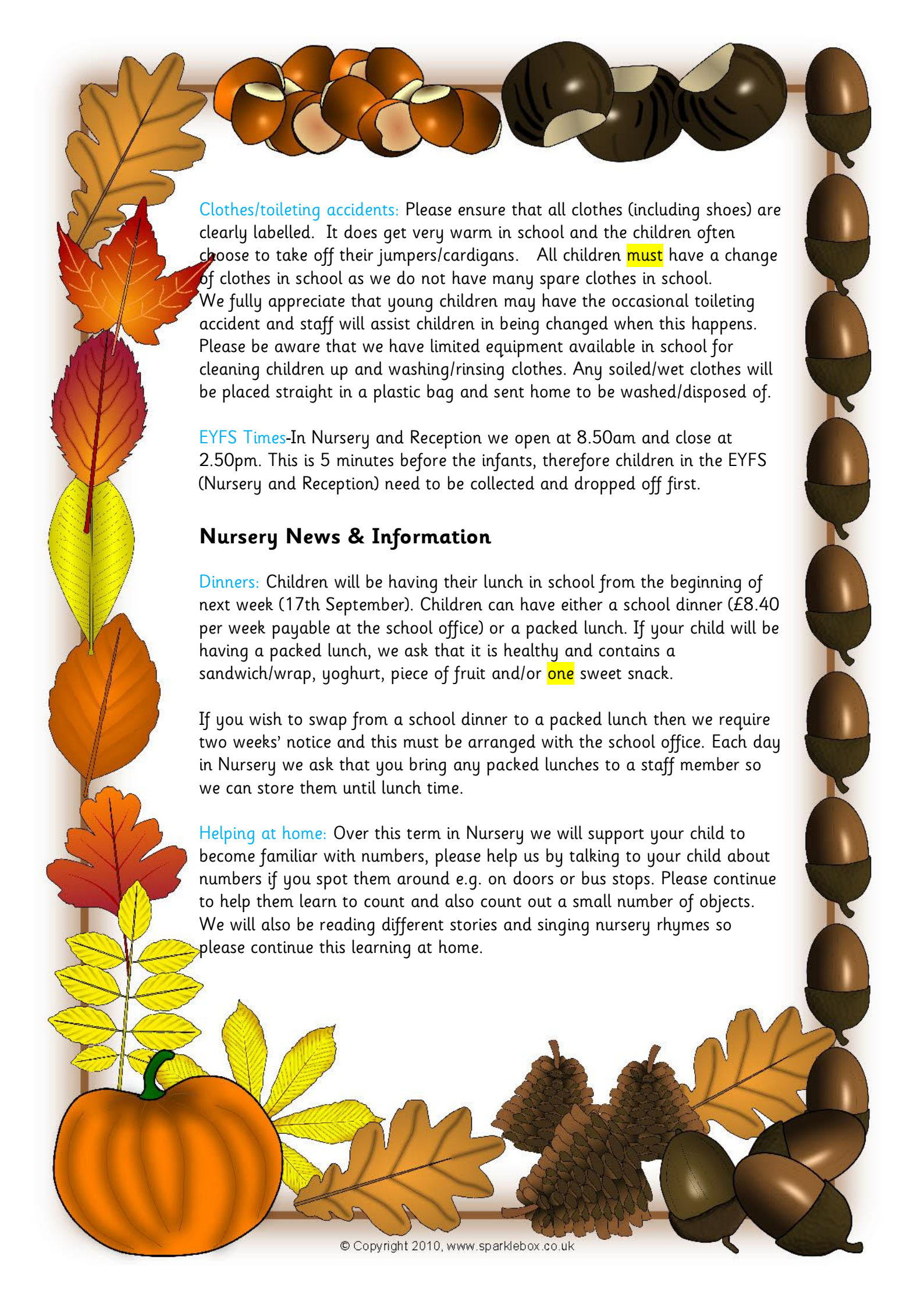
Piggy bank: In the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) we ask for donations of any small change that you might have. These Donations go towards our baking costs & various treats throughout the year.

Wellies: We still have a large number of children who have not brought in a pair of wellies. Wellies are a necessity as they enable us to play out in all weathers. Please provide these by Monday 17th September.

Library: On **Tuesday 18th September** we will be starting our EYFS Library. The library will be in the Limehouse (green porta cabin opposite Nursery) every Tuesday straight after school. All children are welcome to borrow a book and swap it the following week. In order to borrow a book, children must bring their green book bags. Books must be looked after as any damaged/lost books must be paid for at a cost of £5.00.

Facebook Messenger: Please do not send messages through Facebook. This page is not monitored on a daily basis or linked to staffs personal Facebook Pages; therefore we do not pick up the messages on a regular basis.

Book Packs: All children should now have a green book bag. Please send this into school **every day**. It is used to send home letters, pictures and books. If your child does not have their book bag in school, we are un-able to send home some items. New bags can be purchased for £3.00.



Clothes/toileting accidents: Please ensure that all clothes (including shoes) are clearly labelled. It does get very warm in school and the children often choose to take off their jumpers/cardigans. All children **must** have a change of clothes in school as we do not have many spare clothes in school. We fully appreciate that young children may have the occasional toileting accident and staff will assist children in being changed when this happens. Please be aware that we have limited equipment available in school for cleaning children up and washing/rinsing clothes. Any soiled/wet clothes will be placed straight in a plastic bag and sent home to be washed/disposed of.

EYFS Times-In Nursery and Reception we open at 8.50am and close at 2.50pm. This is 5 minutes before the infants, therefore children in the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) need to be collected and dropped off first.

Nursery News & Information

Dinners: Children will be having their lunch in school from the beginning of next week (17th September). Children can have either a school dinner (£8.40 per week payable at the school office) or a packed lunch. If your child will be having a packed lunch, we ask that it is healthy and contains a sandwich/wrap, yoghurt, piece of fruit and/or **one** sweet snack.

If you wish to swap from a school dinner to a packed lunch then we require two weeks' notice and this must be arranged with the school office. Each day in Nursery we ask that you bring any packed lunches to a staff member so we can store them until lunch time.

Helping at home: Over this term in Nursery we will support your child to become familiar with numbers, please help us by talking to your child about numbers if you spot them around e.g. on doors or bus stops. Please continue to help them learn to count and also count out a small number of objects. We will also be reading different stories and singing nursery rhymes so please continue this learning at home.



Reception News & Information

Helping your child at home:

Phonics: Please see individual booklets sent home on 11th September.

Maths: By the end of Reception your child needs to be able to work with numbers up to 20. Please help them to order and recognise numbers and count amounts of objects. Playing board games is also a fantastic way of boosting math skills.

Literacy: Read stories to your child or make up silly stories with your child. Take a familiar story and change the end of it. Encourage your child to write/copy their name using the correct letter formation (refer to handbook that has been sent).

Useful Websites: Below are the links to some useful early year's websites. They all contain some good activities that will help develop the children's basic literacy and numeracy skills. On each site you will need to click on the Early Years/Foundation Stage section.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/>

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