

EYFS Newsletter January 2017

Happy New Year! Thank you for your support over the first term – especially attendance at the Christmas Nativities. We hope you enjoyed them as much as the children and staff. The children have had a good first term & we look forward to continuing progress for all at the start of this New Year.

Good News Miss Rimmer gave birth to a baby girl over the Christmas holidays. They have named her Charlotte.

Outdoor Learning Once again we would like to thank everyone who supported us to win the Tesco grant. We will be using the £4000 that we were awarded to further improve the outdoor area. We plan to move the sand area onto the grass, add items to our Mud Pie Kitchen, purchase new climbing equipment and new waterproof clothing and also build an allotment to grow our own fruit and vegetables. These areas will all help us to meet the needs of the Early Years Curriculum.

Clothing With the weather turning so cold, please ensure your child is suitably prepared as all children spend time outside every day. They need:

- A thick coat that fastens
- Hats, scarves and gloves
- Shoes that they can get **on** and **off** independently (no laces/tight shoes)

Please ensure that all items of clothing/footwear are clearly labelled.

Start/end of the day Please can we remind you that we open the Nursery and Reception times are 8.50am-2.50pm. We open 5 minutes before the infant doors therefore it is expected that you drop off/collect children from Nursery and Reception before dropping off/collecting older children.

RECEPTION ONLY Please ensure that the children are brought right round to the Reception door and not left in the Nursery yard to walk around alone. The children remain your responsibility until they have entered the classroom. At the end of the day children must be collected from the Reception door, we are un-able to send the children round to parents collecting from the Nursery. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but the children's safety is very important to us.

NURSERY ONLY The closing date to apply for a Reception place at any school in Oldham is **MONDAY 15th JANUARY**. If you have not already filled in an online application form it is imperative that you do so before this date. Please refer to letter sent last week for how/where to apply.

Facebook Please may we remind you that we are no longer able to use the messenger facility on Facebook for anything other than receiving photographs. We are no longer permitted to answers questions/queries on it.

Book bags Please can you ensure that your child brings their green reading folder **every day**. This is used to transport letters, pictures and homework to and from school. If your book bag is lost new ones can be purchased for £2.50
Thank you for all donations to the Money Box pigs in both Nursery & Reception.
Donations go towards our baking costs & various treats throughout the year.

Helping Children at Home The best way to help your children learn at home is to play lots of board games with them and read them lots of stories.

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Thank you for all your help and support.
The EYFS Team