

MOSS HALL NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2019

Goodbye to Ruth Simpkins

We have experienced some difficulty in appointing a permanent Deputy Headteacher this year. We have been very fortunate to have had Ruth working with us for the Autumn term; she will be leaving at the end of this term and we would like to thank her for all her hard work with children, families and staff.

From January **Ken Wilson**, an experienced nursery teacher and SENCo will be joining the team as an interim Deputy Headteacher.

Christmas at Moss Hall Nursery School

A separate letter is attached with details about various Christmas events.

Garden Project

14 families came to help in the garden on 9th November. Many thanks for all your help.

There will be another Garden Project morning in the Spring; we will send details nearer the time.

Admission to reception classes

The closing date for applications is 15 January. If you need any help with your application, please speak to Annette.

Time keeping

The school opens at 8.45am and we have a flexible arrival time until 9.05. After that time the registers are finished and the children are recorded as late. Please make sure your child gets to school on time to make the most of all the learning experiences available.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Celebration – more details to follow. We will be inviting parents to join us at the beginning of the morning (9.00 – 10.00).

Thursday 19th December

Last day of term. No tea club on this day

The Christmas holiday is from **Friday 20th December** to **Monday 6th January** inclusive.

Tuesday 7th January

First day back for children after the Christmas holiday.

Settling in Survey

We had 38 responses to our survey about settling in. Thank you to all those who responded; we do welcome feedback.

There was much positive feedback about procedures put in place to support children to settle in to the nursery school, including the visits to school, the home visits and the meetings with the key person. This has been shared with the staff team.

Some respondents felt that the settling in process was a little long. We have approximately 100 new children each September and have to consider very carefully how to organise admissions successfully. We believe that children's wellbeing is crucial to their successful learning and their first experience at school should be positive. For this reason, we need to give time for children to get to know and build an attachment with their key person before the parent leaves. We therefore ask parents/carers to make themselves available for a week when their child starts with us. We do appreciate that many of our parents have work commitments but, from many years of experience, have found that investing this time at the beginning pays off.

Although there is information about settling in given in the Welcome Pack at the Summer visit to school, it seems that some aspects of the process were unclear and we will review the information for the Sept 2020 intake.

We do appreciate you taking the time to feedback so that we can continually review and amend our practice if necessary.

From the Moss Hall Nursery School Team

