

GAINSBOROUGH NURSERY SCHOOL



September Newsletter

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Welcome.



A very big welcome to all of our new and returning families. We are delighted that you have chosen Gainsborough Nursery School as the place to educate and care for your child. We hope that your child will enjoy their time with us and that you will feel welcomed and supported at all times.

At Gainsborough Nursery School we are lucky to have such dedicated and committed staff who care for each child. The children have settled in really well already.

It has been lovely to see so many happy faces around the Nursery School.

Parent meetings.

We are hoping to make settling in phone calls before half term; this will be an opportunity to talk with your child's key person about how they have settled in .

If you have any worries or concerns about your child please don't wait until parents meetings, you can always speak to a member of the class team, to Laura Crawford or to Laura Cook at dropping off or collection times or by emailing or ringing the school office.

Email: enquiries@gainsborough-nur.lincs.sch.uk

Phone: 01427811610

Please remember to phone or email to let us know if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Please also remember that if you are running a little late you will need to take your child to the office window and a member of office staff will take your child to their class.

Dates for your diary:

Last day of term:

Friday 22nd October

Term 2:

Monday 1st November to
Friday 17th December

Term 3: Tuesday 4th January
to Friday 11th February

Term 4: Monday 21st February
to Thursday 31st March

Term 5: Tuesday 19th April to
Friday 27th May

Term 6: Monday 6th June to
Friday 22nd July

Training day 15th October

Drinks

Children are provided with

Story sacks

Story sacks (a fabric sack with a story and props to tell the story with) are available to borrow to take home.

These are a wonderful resource to share and tell stories with your children.

Please ask a member of staff .

Contact information

Please make sure that you keep us up to date with your latest phone number and email address.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. If you are concerned about a child contact Lincolnshire customer service centre on 01522 782111

Tapestry

Tapestry is an easy-to-use and secure online learning journal that we use to help us celebrate your children's experiences, learning and development. It is a simple way to build a shared understanding about what learning looks like here Gainsborough Nursery School.

For each child who comes to us every week is unique. They will all have made different choices, experienced their own successes and engaged in their own personal learning. However there are some shared experiences and we will aim to cover these under posts titled; this half term we are learning about

You will also notice the 'Tapestry Challenges.' These posts are designed to help you with ideas of how you can support your child's learning and to give you the chance to share things with us that you are doing at home. They will very often link to learning that we have been doing at Nursery and are designed to be easily done using things that you have at home. It's not homework; it's learning ... but disguised as play!

Those of you who are returning families may notice some changes in the way information is shared on Tapestry. Over the next week staff will be adding settling in photos but please be aware that the frequency of these posts will fluctuate as the term progresses.

As I am sure you can all appreciate, the presence of a camera changes an interaction between child and adult. It can act as a barrier between our faces and theirs - not a great way to have a conversation, develop relationships or support learning! In short, if we have an iPad in our hands we can do less to support your child's learning. In this digital age we as adults are all so used to being instantly in touch or instantly updated, but the children would rather we were fully present, ready to listen and ready to play! That is our promise to them.

Lunches.

We understand that young children can become fussy eaters. It is important that we educate children on how to live healthy and happy lives. To support this we ask that you send a balanced packed lunch. This could be a sandwich with a yoghurt and fruit, maybe some crisps or a small amount of chocolate. If your child doesn't like sandwiches you could send alternatives like breadsticks, crackers or cold meat such as ham. Cucumber, tomatoes and other vegetables make a great finger food (they need to be cut into lengths) We also ask that if you send grapes these need to be cut lengthways in half and then into quarters.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>— This is a great website with lots of useful information and healthy pack up ideas.

Song sheets

Each term we have a selection of songs that we sing with the children. You can find these song sheets on our website

Food drop.

Outside the office you may notice the food stand. This is currently available Monday to Thursday .

The food here is provided by feeding Gainsborough. This is surplus food from businesses in Gainsborough which would otherwise be thrown away. This food is available for ALL families and we encourage you to take as much as you need.

Reminders:

At Gainsborough Nursery School we go out in all weathers. Where possible we ask all children to bring a named pair of wellies.

Please name all of your child's belongings.

Clothing—We ask that all children come in suitable clothing that you don't mind them getting messy or dirty in.

30 hours

If you think that your child will be eligible for 30 hours education after Christmas, you will need to apply before the 31st December at Childcare Choices

Book of the month

We are continuing with our 'Book of the Month'. Each month we will give you the title of a book that the children are enjoying or we think the children may like. You will be able to either borrow the book from the local library or add to your home collection. We will display our 'Book of the Month on facebook.