

# Autumn Term 1, Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous first half term we have been having! The children are all adapting well to meeting new friends and exploring their nursery.

Our 2 year olds have been exploring colour and early emotional language through the story of The Colour Monster whilst our 3 year olds have been exploring colour, shape and size to develop their maths sorting and matching skills.



This year we have introduced library books and library session across the whole of the nursery and Footy Tots into our 2 year olds Monday timetable. We have also introduced Little Wandle Foundations into nursery and enhance our provision with their guidance on developing the Foundations of Language, Rhyme Time, Early Phonic Skills and Love of Reading.



Remember to logon to the Tapestry app to see photos of your child at nursery. You can also upload your own photos here for your child to talk to their key adults and friends about their life outside of nursery.



You may have noticed our new Book Swap shelter that has appeared outside. This is for the use of parents and carers of Freshfield Nursery. We hope our Book Swap encourages you to try a new genre, creates an eco-friendly way to pass on books and develops a shared love of reading throughout our Freshfield Community.

## Upcoming events:

- **3-4's Stay and Play Sessions, 08:30-09:00** - This is an opportunity for you to come and spend some time with your child in nursery, helping to build a sense of belonging and safety for the children.  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Yellow Butterflies  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Red Ladybirds  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Green Caterpillars  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Blue Dragonflies
- **October half term** – nursery closes for a week on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and we reopen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The term dates for the year are available on our website and are displayed on the parents notice boards outside.
- **3-4's Virtual Parents Meeting** – These will be held during the week **23<sup>rd</sup> November**. You will also receive a written report following this meeting.
- **3-4's Christmas Nativity** – This will be held at St Winifred's Church. Parents will be invited to attend one date, **10:30-11:30, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** or **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, arrangements can be made for any child who does not usually attend on a Tuesday.
- **Santa is visiting with special guests – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, Santa will be visiting nursery and there will be some special guests joining him too from Meadowcroft Farm Alpacas. As this is an extra-curricular activity we are asking families to kindly donate £5 per child. School will then pay the remainder of the charges. This is available



on the IRIS Parentmail app. If your child does not usually attend nursery on this day and you would like them to take part, arrangements can be made to ensure they do not miss out.

### **School Fund Payments**



At Freshfield Nursery we ask if parents would be willing to contribute £3.00 per week towards our school fund. The school fund money is used to help ensure that all of our children have access to daily fresh fruit. We also use school fund money to pay for a cake and a present to give to each child on their birthday. Any left-over money is then used to buy other valuable resources for the nursery, this half term we have used the money to update our water toys in the shared garden. In these time of budget cuts, your contributions are very much appreciated.



Voluntary contributions can be paid by cash/cheque/BACS or via a card payment through IRIS Parentmail app.

***Charging periods are split into half terms but if you prefer you can pay for a full term or for the rest of the academic year as below:***

- For September 7<sup>th</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup> the charge is £24
- For 2<sup>nd</sup> November to December 18<sup>th</sup> the charge is £24
- For the whole Autumn term, September to December the charge is £45
- For the whole academic year, September 2026 – July 2027 the charge is £117

### **How to use payments on IRIS Parentmail:**

- Log in
- Click on the 3 lines at the top
- Click 'Payments'
- Click 'Shop' at the bottom of the screen

### **Parent Involvement**

Next half term the 3-4's theme of learning will be **People Who Help Us**. If you or another family member has a role in the community and you have some free time we would love to hear all about what you do and see you in your uniform. Please contact [admin@freshfield.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@freshfield.stockport.sch.uk) if you are able to help out.

### **Future Plans**

Watch this space! We are shortly having our 3-4 year olds front garden improved!

### **Safeguarding**

**Safeguarding is a priority at our school and underpins everything we do.** We are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, happy and supported.

If you ever have a concern about the wellbeing or safety of a child, please do not hesitate to speak to our **Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Muncaster and Mrs Edmundson**. We are always here to listen and support you.





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Thank you for your support and efforts in helping the children settle into the new school year, September is always a difficult transition time and your encouragement, patience and preparation at home have truly helped the children settle into nursery.

Kind regards,

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