



Emneth Nursery School Newsletter



Autumn 1st

Headteacher Update

I hope everyone has had a lovely Summer. It's has been great to see so many familiar faces return to Nursery as well as welcoming lots of new faces. We ran a very successful open evening on Wednesday for our new starters and over the next couple of weeks we are very busy with the rest of the settling visits. We are looking forward to seeing what this term has in store for us, which is always a busy one.

Key dates for the Autumn term

Autumn 1st half term

Reopen Wednesday 3rd September

Closes Friday 24th October

Half term Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October (Daycare remains open)

Autumn 2nd half term

Reopen on Monday 3rd November

Closes Friday 19th December

Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December to Monday 5th January (Closed for all)

Reopen on Tuesday 6th January

Funding

If you are accessing the funding available for working families please make sure you have handed your code into the office.

It's important to remember that codes need to be renewed every three months. To do this, you'll need to remember to login to your childcare account to check when your reconfirmation dates are, so that you can renew your code on time. If you don't renew it on time, you will need to reapply and you will be charged until your new code starts.

The childcare choices website has now been changed to 'Best Start In Life' so please look there for more information about funding, please see the link below.

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

Staffing Update

I am pleased to be able to introduce you to three new members of staff. Freya is an apprentice is daycare and Beth will be working across both Pippins and Orchards, covering staff holidays and sickness. Sasha is our new midday supervisor helping in Orchards.

Freya - Apprentice



Beth - Nursery Assistant



Sasha - Midday Supervisor



Hot lunches

Please make sure you let us know which days your child will be having a hot lunch for the whole of the half term. Hot lunches need to be set days. We appreciate your cooperation with this.



Photography Days at Nursery

We're excited to let you know that our wonderful photographer, Nik, will be visiting the nursery on 13th and 14th October.

Nik will be taking a mix of formal and informal photos, which will be available for you to purchase. These make beautiful keepsakes and thoughtful Christmas gifts for family and friends.



Just one Norfolk

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

0300 300 0123

I would like to direct you to 'Just One Norfolk' which is a fantastic website, which you can access for a range of advice and support, including issues such as eating, sleeping, developmental concerns etc.

Getting Into a Routine

Routines help children feel safe, secure, and know what to expect. They bring steadiness to busy family life and make things easier for everyone. For parents, routines create a sense of calm and organisation. For children, they support good habits around activity, bedtime, eating, and rest, while also helping them settle into school and cope with change.

Routines don't have to be complicated—they just need to work for your family. They develop by doing the same things at the same times each day, like keeping lights low at night to show babies it's time to sleep. New routines take time, but sticking with them brings real benefits.

Prime Minister's letter to parents

To mark this week's childcare expansion milestone, Prime Minister Keir Starmer has written to parents reaffirming his 'Plan for Change' promise to give children the best possible start with 75% of five-year-olds reaching a good level of development by 2028. Read here: [Prime Minister's letter to parents and carers on Best Start in Life – The Education Hub](#).

You can read the Prime Minister's letter to parents on the DfE's Education Hub.