



# Boston Nursery School Summer Term Newsletter 2021

It's really good to be back for the summer term and we are happy to welcome several new children and families to our nursery this term.



First of all, we want to say a really big thank you to all our families who co-operated with the restrictions and guidance around the Covid-19 lockdown. As a result of everyone's hard efforts and diligence, we were able to stay open every single day of the lockdown. We appreciate it was difficult at times, but we are now beginning to see the rewards. The children have continued with their learning throughout, and many are on track ready to start school in September. However, we are not able to be complacent and we ask for your continuing support and co-operation as the country eases out of lockdown.



## Covid-19 Reminders



Everyone in nursery is continuing to wash their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs a mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands thoroughly afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus.



The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough;
- a high temperature;
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia);
- breathing difficulties.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>.

If you become concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

These are the things you can still do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

If any member of your household develops symptoms, they must book a test. This can be done at: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All household members must self-isolate until the results of the test are known. This means your child(ren) must not come into nursery school. If you suspect one of your children may have the virus, their household siblings must also stay at home.

If your child is requested to self-isolate, they should remain in the home for the full time period (ten days from their last contact with the infected person).

We thank you for continuing to assist us in operating our rolling drop-off and collection times. Please continue to try to select the quietest times in order to reduce congestion and the number of people with whom you will come into contact.

We remind you that **only one adult** should accompany each family group. Please continue to maintain a two-metre distance from our staff and from each other. You might decide to wear a mask whilst on the school site.

Please also note: for the sake of reducing transmission of the virus, the school office and wider building continue to be closed to parents and carers. However, should you need to contact us, you may telephone nursery on 01205 358647, and we will respond as quickly as possible. Our staff are still here and eager to help.

### New Member of Staff



Mrs. Carr is our new administrator who joined our team in February, and she will be in the office from 8.30 am - 12.30 pm each day. Mrs. Carr is already getting to know many of you and your children.

Boston Nursery School has places available



We are reminding you that every 3-4 year old child is entitled to 15 hours a week at our teacher-led nursery school **completely free**. This can be taken in the morning, in the afternoon or all day as long as we have enough places available. Afternoon places are often easier to secure than morning places, which can be regularly oversubscribed.

As well as the 15 free hours a week for all 3-4 year olds, we offer additional sessions over and above these along with increased flexibility of sessions for your 3 or 4 year old child. You may choose mornings, afternoon, or a mix of both, including full days - or even 5 full days a week. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

Additional sessions, above the free entitlement of 15 hours, may be

purchased at a cost of £12.50 for 3 hours. This is extremely competitive locally. Eligible working parents may be entitled to **30 free hours** for their child. More information about whether you are entitled to this additional funding can be found at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk). Lunch club is also available if required. Children bring their own packed lunch and a fee of £3 to cover supervision costs is required for each lunch club session attended.

We also have a classroom dedicated to 2 year olds, at a cost of £14.50 per session. Some 2 year olds may be entitled to 15 free hours (5 sessions). More information can be found at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

If you know anyone else who might benefit from our excellent nursery facilities, please let them know. Remember, we are the only local provider with **fully qualified, school teachers**. We are also booking places now for September 2021 admissions. Please contact Mrs. Carr, our administrator, for an application pack.



To get the most out of their nursery experiences, your child(ren) require a few extra items that we do not provide. Please provide your child with an apron for water play and painting, as we are currently unable to share such items within nursery due to Covid-19 restrictions. They also need wellies for wet weather, outdoor play and for fine weather, outdoor, water-play.



Boston Nursery School is fully committed to improving children's oral health, along with speech and language development. Therefore, we encourage all our children, from 2 years old onwards, to drink fresh water or milk (not juice) from a cup provided by nursery. They also learn to pour their own drinks. We do not encourage drinking bottles being brought into nursery, except as part of your child's packed lunch. All children have access to fresh drinking water all day and are frequently encouraged to have a drink, especially in hot weather.



Please ensure that all of your child's personal belongings (clothing, bags, wellies, aprons and lunch boxes) are clearly labelled with your child's name. Many of the children do bring the same lunch bag and items into school and it is difficult to distinguish who they belong to unless they have a name label, thank you.

Finally, as the weather warms up, please ensure your child arrives in school with sun protection already applied before school to protect them for the day.



### Other Safety Reminders

If you have changed your address or telephone number recently, please ensure that you have let Mrs. Carr know. We must be able to contact you in case of an emergency. Also, ensure that the school has at least one other emergency telephone contact, in addition to your own, in case we are unable to contact you. Remember that this number may also need updating.

Also please remember to contact nursery **on the morning of the first day** of your child's absence, to let us know why they are not in nursery.



Thank you for not bringing dogs or other animals onto the school site. Thank you also for not using your phone in the school building - this is a safeguarding precaution. We are a non-smoking site; this includes all outdoor areas such as the playground. We do not allow e-cigarettes to be smoked as we expect all adults on our site to act as good role models, and many of our children are not able to distinguish between the two types of cigarette. Please note: it is illegal to smoke on the site of a maintained nursery school.



Some children risk suffering a life threatening reaction to nuts. For this reason, we ask that no child bring any food items into school that contain nuts, even for their own consumption.

This Term's Themes:

Little Owls (2 year olds) will be finding out all about 'Animals', including farm animals, jungle animals and sea-life. Children will be engaging in lots of sensory experiences too, and enjoying our well-equipped outdoor play area and garden.



Big Owls (3-4 year olds) will be finding out about 'The Great Outdoors', including woodland wildlife and mini-beasts, whilst enjoying stories such as 'The Gruffalo' and 'Where's My Teddy?'



There will be lots of outdoor play in our large outdoor classroom too - complete this term with our very own role-play campsite!



Dates for your Diary:

Term dates up to the summer holiday:

<b>TERM 5:</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 21 – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 21 <i>May Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</i>	29 days
<b>TERM 6:</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 21 – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	34 days

Term dates for 2021 - 2022:

<b>TERM 1:</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 21 – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 21	33 days
<b>TERM 2:</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 21– Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 21	35 days
<b>TERM 3:</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 22 – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 22	29 days
<b>TERM 4:</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 22 – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 22	30 days
<b>TERM 5:</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 22 – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 22 <i>May Day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</i>	28 days
<b>TERM 6:</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 22 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	35 days