



Boston Nursery School

Autumn Term Newsletter 2021

**Welcome back to Boston Nursery School,
or if you are a new family - 'Welcome!
Witamy! Pasveikinti! Bine ati venit!'**

We have a busy term ahead of us and the children are already beginning to settle into their new routines.



early literacy. Nursery Rhymes are rich in language, stories, rhythm and rhyme - all of which support young children's speech and language development, as well as encouraging them to develop a love for words and reading!



Learning at Nursery and at Home



Here is a list of some nursery rhymes you can sing with your child:

- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- Hickory Dickory Dock
- Incy Wincy Spider
- Hey Diddle Diddle
- Humpty Dumpty

Remember to visit our website as our teachers post videos and home activities each week for you and your child to engage with around the learning they have undertaken at nursery.

This term our children in both Big Owls and Little Owls are learning about Nursery Rhymes, as this is such an important part of

<https://www.parliamentfederation.co.uk/boston-nursery-school>

You can also find us on Facebook, and we post regular updates and examples of what the children have been learning here too.



Boston Nursery School Uniform

This school year we are promoting our Boston Nursery School uniform, as we are proud of our nursery school and hope you are too. Blue T-shirts, cardigans and sweatshirts with our Boston Nursery School Owl logo embroidered on, can be purchased from www.myclothing.com. We have a sample, in nursery, of each item for you to have a look at before you purchase your own from the above website. Wearing our uniform is not compulsory, but we hope many of you will consider purchasing an item or two.



Getting to Nursery School

Walking to nursery school, riding a bike or scooter is a great way for the children to experience the world around them. It's a fun way to exercise and develop a healthy lifestyle, as well as being kinder to the environment. Many of our families travel to school in this way and we would encourage you, whenever possible, to leave the car at home! Please remember to dismount bikes and

scooters whilst on school premises to ensure the safety of our school community, and to use safety equipment whenever possible, such as cycle helmets and bike child seats.

Our 6 Hour Whole Day Sessions

As well as our usual morning, lunch club and afternoon sessions, we now offer a 6 hour, whole day session, available to all our children. This session is 6 hours, from 8.45 am to 2.45 pm, and includes the lunch club at no additional cost. If these new timings suit your requirements better than our regular morning and afternoon sessions, please contact Mrs. Carr, our administrator for further details.

Nursery Day Times

As Covid restrictions are cautiously lifted, we would like to remind you of our usual nursery day start and finish times, as we are no longer operating the rolling drop off and pick up that we had in place earlier in the pandemic:

Morning sessions - 8.45 am - 11.45 am

Lunch time - 11.45 am - 12.30 pm

Afternoon sessions:

- 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm
- or
- 12.30 pm - 2.45 pm for the 6 hour, whole day option

Please be aware that frequent, late pick ups from the 6 hour, whole day session would incur an additional fee of £3, as this would then be classed as your child attending the 3 hour afternoon session.

Additional sessions, above the free entitlement of 15 hours, may be purchased at a cost of £12.50 for 3 hours for 3 and 4 year olds, and £14.50 for 3 hours for 2 year olds. This is

extremely competitive locally. Eligible working parents may be entitled to **30 free hours** for their child.

30 Hour Funding

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free early years education and childcare. Go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to find out if you may be eligible for 30 hours funded child care for your 3 and 4 year old. This 30 hours government funding does not apply to 2 year old children. However, there are 15 hours free funding for some families of 2 year olds who are getting certain government support. Do check out the above website to see if you may be eligible.

Childcare Choices

Are you eligible for
30 hours for your 3 or
4 year old?



Find out more at
childcarechoices.gov.uk

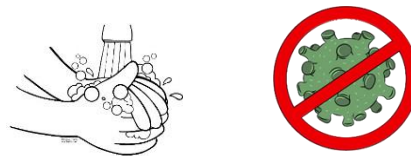
Register a Younger Sibling to Secure a Place

If you would like a younger sibling to attend Boston Nursery School, please pick up an application pack from Mrs. Carr, our administrator, to book your place early. This helps us to prepare for them when they become eligible to start our nursery school at 2 years old.

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** and we are taking bookings for future places now. Please contact Mrs. Carr, our administrator, for an application pack.

Covid- 19 Update

This term, we are following the Government guidance. This no longer includes operating a rolling drop off and collection system.



The nursery school's infection control measures still include:

- *ensuring good hygiene for everyone;*
- *maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes;*
- *keeping occupied spaces well ventilated and;*
- *following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.*

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.

Covid-19 symptoms include a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of/change in normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). People do not normally exhibit all these symptoms and may exhibit none at all.

Please DO NOT send your child to nursery if they have any of these symptoms, no matter how mild.



If your child is sent home, due to having symptoms, you will be advised to arrange a PCR test for your child. Unless the nursery school is advised of a negative PCR test result, your child will not be able to return to nursery for ten days. This is in line with current Government guidelines.

Should the test result be positive, please contact the school as a matter of urgency.

It is important to be aware that we will not be sending 'bubbles' of children home as we will not be operating 'bubbles' in nursery. It will be up to Test and Trace to identify and contact close contacts - the nursery will no longer be doing this. These contacts will be asked to take a PCR test if they are under 18 or have been 'double jabbed'. If this is positive, they will need to self-isolate. If it is negative, they can resume normal activities and return to school.

Contact tracing and self-isolation

As you will be aware, the Government confirmed the move to 'step 4' of its covid-19 roadmap from 19th July. As a result, new guidance for maintained nursery schools, has been published by the Department for Education and Public Health England.

As previously mentioned, the responsibility for contact tracing, when a pupil tests positive for Covid-19, has passed from our school to NHS Test and Trace. This means that it will no longer be the school that

informs parents when children need to self-isolate.

The Government has also said that children will no longer be required to automatically self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive covid-19 case. Instead, you may be advised to take your child for a PCR test if they have been deemed to be in close contact with a positive case.

It is important to note that any child who receives a positive PCR test will still be expected to isolate for 10 days and will not be able to attend nursery during that period. It is also important that you inform nursery as soon as possible should this occur.

We are aware that there will be a wide range of views among families regarding the latest Government announcements. As you will understand, as a school, we are expected to have due regard for this new national guidance, as well as the additional local guidance provided to us by Lincolnshire Local Authority. Whilst we understand the frustration that these guidelines may cause, we respectfully request that you do not take out your frustrations on nursery school staff. We appreciate your ongoing support, patience and understanding.

[Oral Health and Dental Care](#)



Dental care is now part of the early years curriculum, and Boston Nursery School is fully committed to improving children's oral health, including dental care. 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.



Likewise, we provide free, healthy snacks to all our children, who have the choice to eat or not, as part of their personal choices and independence. Therefore, you do not need to send your child to nursery with any food other than a packed lunch if they are staying at nursery in our lunch club.

In addition, we ask that packed lunches do not include any food items that contain nuts, as some children risk suffering a life threatening reaction to nuts.



Names on Personal Items

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

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, we do not allow a child to be collected from nursery by anybody who we do not have permission from you to do so. Please ensure nursery has the names of all the people who can collect your child - they must be over 16 years of age.

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.



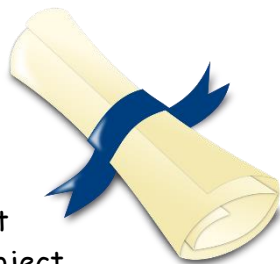
Thank you for not bringing dogs or other animals onto the school site. Thank you also

for not using your phone in the nursery 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.

Exciting Development of our Outdoor Space

Very soon we will be having some work done to the front of our nursery and the play space that is currently awaiting redevelopment. We are working towards an outdoor space suitable to learning about the Great Outdoors. Beth Cooper, our hard working Little Owls practitioner, has also completed her Diploma in Forest School Inspired Practice, with a distinction!

Congratulations Beth!



We can't wait to get started on our new project and we are so excited about the extended outdoor learning that we will soon be able to offer.



To help us fund this project, Dobbie's Garden Centre, in Boston, has nominated us as a potential beneficiary of a grant of £500 - if we get the most votes in their on-line poll. So please go to our Boston Nursery School Facebook page and find our post about Dobbie's Garden Centre, and vote for us. Voting closes on 12th September, so not much time left!

Tapestry On-line Learning Diaries

Please engage with your child's learning by logging in to Tapestry, through your email account, to see the observations posted by their keyworker. Your children are developing so quickly and we love for you to see that. Please share with us your own observations of how they are demonstrating their learning at home too - we love to see it!

The way we assess the children is changing and means we will be spending more time interacting and engaging with the children and less time on recording observations. Therefore, you may find fewer photos in your child's Tapestry Learning Diary, but that doesn't mean we are not assessing the children. We greatly value your interaction with us through Tapestry and hope you will continue to comment and share with us photos of the wonderful things your children are doing and learning at home.



Keeping Children Safe On Line

More and more pre-schoolers are getting their own tablets or borrowing their parents' devices

to play games, use apps, and watch their favourite TV shows. See up to date advice on simple things you can do to make sure your child is using the internet safely.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

Cursive letter shapes

In line with the Parliament Federation handwriting policy, we teach the children to form their letters in this pre-cursive style. Most Reception classes in primary schools teach this style too. It is our aim to help prepare children to be really ready for school, therefore, we also teach this way of writing letters. If you want to help your child write their name, please support them to write their letters as you can see written below:

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Message from the Parliament Federation's Governing Body

Hello and welcome to all new parents - and welcome back to all our parents with children returning to a new school year. We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays.

'What do Governors do?'

The Governing Body is an elected group, including teachers, support staff, parents and members of the local community. We work as a voluntary team with the Executive Head Teacher and the Heads of School for the benefit of all the pupils and staff across the Federation.

We're here to give the school a strategic direction and to act as 'a critical friend' - helping to guide the school to improving the standard of education for all our children. We don't get involved in the day-to-day operation of the school but set the criteria by which the school is managed. We ensure that local and national government legislation and targets are met, that we spend our school budget wisely, that the safety of everyone is paramount, and that the curriculum is delivered to benefit all children. Governors take an active role in the school, not only attending meetings, but also school functions, undertaking visits to classrooms and helping out with school visits.

If you require any further information regarding our Governing Body, please refer to the school's website.

Diary Dates



11.10.21 Parents' evening 3.45 -6 pm
13.10.21 Parents' evening 3.45 - 6 pm
15.10.21 Last day of term 1
01.11.21 First day of term 2
17.12.21 Last day of term 2
04.01.21 First day of term 3

We are a nursery school and follow school term times...

Term Dates for 2021 - 2022:

TERM 1: Wednesday 1st September 21 - Friday 15th October 2021
33 days

TERM 2: Monday 1st November 21 - Friday 17th December 2021
35 days

TERM 3: Tuesday 4th January 22 - Friday 11th February 2022
29 days

TERM 4: Monday 21st February 22 - Friday 1st April 2022
30 days

TERM 5: Wednesday 20th April 22 - Friday 27th May 2022
May Day Monday 2nd May 2022
27 days

TERM 6: Monday 6th June 22 - Friday 22nd July 2022
35 days