



## Newsletter April 2024

### A message from the Acting Head Teacher

*Welcome back after the Easter Holidays!*

*The children have settled back into their nursery routine with enthusiasm and all our new starters feel like they've always been here. It has been lovely to see some familiar faces returning to us with their children.*

*I love the Summer Term. Children just seem to make lots of progress in this term and you see all the hard work really coming together. Some children will be preparing for Primary School and we'll be sharing information to support their transition throughout the term. Please let key worker know what school your child will be attending.*

*Joanne*

### Communication and Language

Laura has organised a session at Rawtenstall Library on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm. There will be a story and rhyme time and lego club available. Some Nursery Staff will be there to help you register your child or just to look for books if you have already registered. Then you can visit as many times as you want. We're really looking forward to seeing as many families as possible and hope to have a fun Saturday afternoon.

The next Speech and Language Drop In is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 – 11.30.

The Zone in Rossendale, The Old Fire Station, Rawtenstall, BB4 8EW

### School Readiness

Many of our children are going to be making the transition to school in September. You should have all received your school places now. Please can you inform key workers which school your child has been allocated.

There are some little things that will support your child as they transition into school.

- Independently put their coat on and off.
- Independently putting their coats on their coat pegs.
- Independently putting all their bags away and putting lunch boxes on the trolley.
- Independently going to the toilet.

We are working on independence skills all the time in Nursery School but it would really help the children if you could do the same at drop off and collection times. It will build confidence in the children as they will be expected to do it once they start in Reception. A small step each day will help them rather than a big change in September.

### Phonics

We will be holding some phonics sessions for parents soon on how to support children at home. We have linked with some of the main Primary Schools nearest to us to ensure that the information we pass on will be useful for the Reception class teachers to continue their learning in this area.

### Toys in Nursery

At the beginning of the year we asked for your support with children not bringing in

their own toys. This disrupts children's learning in a variety of ways.

- Toys often get lost or broken which can cause distress.
- Other children want to play with the toys which can cause arguments.
- If they choose to play with their own toys they are not accessing the resources, we have planned for. The resources in Nursery School have all been carefully chosen to ensure progress in children's learning.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Oral Hygiene

We are continuing our work on promoting good dental hygiene with our children. Rachel is sharing Healthy Lunch Boxes certificates. 'Water and milk are the only safe drinks to give children in regard to their oral health. Fruit juices and smoothies should not form part of a young child's daily diet.'  
(Government Guidelines)



### School Jotter

All our newsletters will be sent over School Jotter in the following weeks. You can download School Jotter onto your phone. Go to the App Store (or alternative) and download the Jotter app. Search for Stagghills Nursery School.

### Dates for your Diary

24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Speech and Language Drop In

4<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Rawtenstall Library Visit

6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Bank Holiday – Nursery CLOSED

16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Life Education Visit

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Nursery School Closes for May Half Term Holiday

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Nursery School Re-opens