



Newsletter

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New starters

We look forward to welcoming Sasha who will be joining us next week. Her family have just moved to North Waltham from Pennsylvania. I am sure she will soon settle in and feel at home. Alexander is also hoping to join us later in the term.

Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' vouchers

If you shop or buy petrol at Sainsbury's think of us and collect your vouchers. If we collect enough we will put them towards some outdoor games equipment.

Book Week

We will be having a 'book week' next week. Don't panic there are no costumes to be made. We are asking children to bring in their favourite book or story. We will discuss and read as many as we can during 'circle time' at the end of each morning.

Name it!

Please can you make sure your child's name is on their belongings. This would avoid children claiming that the same pair of boots or sweatshirt for example, belongs to more than one of them. Coats, footwear, bags, sweatshirts, sun cream etc. should all be named. It can be in pen, or there are a variety of companies who make sticker and iron-on names. Ask Marianne if you don't know of a good source.

Slippers

All the children are very capable of putting on and taking off their own slippers and coats in the morning. If they can not do it we will show them how. When you drop the children off in the morning, please could you therefore let the children put on their own slippers and take off their own coat. Thank you.

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Our website is regularly updated. All comments and suggestions are welcome.

Full days

We will be offering Wednesdays as a full day option as well as Tuesdays after Easter if there are enough children interested. The all day option is available to all children who are in their Foundation year (rising 4) and the over 3's when they are ready for a full day.

The afternoons consist of mainly group activities contrasting with the emphasis on individual work in the mornings as we explore some of the Montessori cultural subjects. Every afternoon the children go outside whatever the weather. On Tuesdays we will continue our look at nature and animals, before our regular French session. On Wednesdays we will be taking a more detailed look at our world and what it is made up from exploring soil, air and water to looking at people and animals of the world. The children will set the pace.

Parent cover

Is there anyone who is prepared to be called upon at the last minute to help out during a morning? In return the school will pay for you to attend a Montessori seminar in London, put you through a CRB check with the option of going on a first aid course. The previous parent who did this really enjoyed it, unfortunately she has now moved away!

Contact with the School

If you would like to discuss your child, have any queries or would like some information we can talk briefly at the beginning of the day, we are however always free to talk for longer at the end of the session or can arrange an evening if that is more convenient.

Best wishes, Marianne.