



# Foxglove Montessori Nursery

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Welcome back! A particularly warm welcome to all our new families; we hope you enjoy your time with Foxglove.

It has been wonderful to see the children back to nursery after such a long break, they have been amazing, and so happy to be back.

## Applying for a school place

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 you need to apply for a primary school place. You can find more details on the Suffolk County Council website. The deadline for applications is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2021. We can't advise on the right school for your child, but if you need any help with the application process please just ask.

## Wellies and hats, suncream and gloves

The weather is very changeable at this time of year, so we need to be ready for everything so we can continue to access the outside area. Please can you send a pair of named wellies to nursery, that can stay under your child's peg. They can keep their nursery bag here, with nappies and wipes, a complete change of clothes including socks please, a sunhat and very soon a wooly hat and gloves. Please apply suncream before children come to nursery, we will stay in the shade in the afternoon as we cannot reapply suncream at the moment

## Letter sound and number of the week

Every week we have a featured letter sound and a number of the week.

Children are invited to take a photo and put the picture on Tapestry of an item beginning with the letter sound.

Week beginning	Letter	Number
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	t	3
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	p	4
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	i	5

In the nursery we always use letter sounds, rather than names, so 's' as the first sound of sat, 'a' as the first sound of apple. This helps when children start to blend sounds together as they learn to read and write.

## Keeping safe with Coronavirus

Please keep your child at home if they have:

- A new continuous cough
  - A temperature over 37.8 degrees
  - Loss or change in their sense of taste or smell
- Please get them tested for Coronavirus. If you can't get a test they must isolate for ten days and the rest of your family for 14 days.

Thank you to everyone who has been following these guidelines already, I know it has been a frustrating time trying to get tests, so thank you if you have followed the isolation rules. In this way we can keep everyone safe.

We will be keeping nursery well ventilated over the coming months, so please send your child with a jumper or cardigan as the windows will be open.

## Lunch boxes

We encourage the children to learn about healthy eating at nursery and how to keep themselves fit and well.

We would be very grateful if you do not send chocolate, crisps or sweets and no fizzy drinks please. This includes no chocolate spread please as it is very difficult to tell chocolate spread from Nutella.

**We have some children with allergies this term, so no nuts, salmon or shellfish please.**

Please send a hard lunch box that we can wipe on arrival at nursery, Tupperware or an old ice cream tub are fine. Please name lunchboxes.

## Dates for your diary

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October

Parent's meetings for **parents of children who have started at nursery this term**. This will be an opportunity for you to have a chat about how your child has settled in and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. A letter will follow about when your child's key person will phone you.

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November

Parent's afternoon for **parents of children who were with us last year**. This is a chance to chat to your child's key person and discuss their progress since last term.

## Term dates for 2020 / 2021

**Summer term 2020**

Starts: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 (new starters)  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 (remaining children)  
Half term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Ends: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Spring term 2021**

Starts: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Half term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Ends: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Summer term 2021**

Starts: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Half term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Please don't hesitate to ask me or your child's key person if you have any questions or concerns. It is usually easier to give you our full attention at the end of the session rather than the beginning. If it's not urgent then please email on [foxglovemontessori@yahoo.com](mailto:foxglovemontessori@yahoo.com)  
Looking forward to a great term,  
Lindsey Harvey, Principal

**Please name everything you send to nursery:  
Lunch boxes, drink bottles, coats, welly boots, shoes and hoodies all need naming.  
Thank you!**