

# Sunbeams Newsletter 3



## FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 23

### Latest News

**Autumn:** As the seasons begin to change, we will be talking about the signs of Autumn around us. Please encourage your child to talk about this when you are out and about and on the way to and from school. We would like to set up an Autumn interest table in the classroom, in case any children find some Autumnal treasures they would like to share with the class.

**Starting school:** Children who will be 4 between 1st September 23 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 24 must go to school in September '24. If you haven't done so already, please start looking at schools for next year. Unfortunately, children who attended Sunbeams do not automatically get a place at Stepgates school so try to look at as many schools in the area so you can make an informed choice. Please check the schools websites for tour dates and open mornings which are happening now.

**Individual photos:** The Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photos. If your child does not normally attend on Wednesday and you would like a photo taken, please bring them to the main entrance door in full Sunbeams uniform for 9 am. We will take them to have their photo taken and then return them to you after. If you would like your child to have their photo with their sibling/s please let us know. If your child is normally in Sunbeams on Wednesday, then please bring them in as normal and they will have their photos taken at some stage during the day.

### Home learning /Parent's tips

(remember you are your child's first educator)

#### Blowing and wiping my own nose

Now the Autumn has arrived and coughs and colds are rife. Please support your child by teaching them how to blow and wipe their nose as well as and wash their hands effectively. Recognising when their nose needs to be wiped can be tricky for little ones too.

*Be increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs, e.g., brushing teeth, using the toilet, washing and drying their hands thoroughly (Age 3-4 Development Matters)*

*Show an increasing desire to be independent, such as wanting to feed themselves and dress or undress. (Age 0-3 Development Matters)*

### Important Dates

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct - Keyworker consultations

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct - Online Keyworker consultations

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest Festival at St. Peters Church

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fraser Photography Individual Photos

Half Term - Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

INSET Day - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - school Closed

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Last day of Autumn term - Children finish at 1pm

Christmas holidays - Mon 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to Mon 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024- Children back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

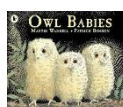
### Fortnightly Phonics

Over the next few weeks we will be laying down the foundations for phonics by playing listening games, going on sound walks and singing nursery rhymes

### MATHS OF THE WEEK

Numbers 3 & 4.

Please support your child by finding the number of the week in the world around them.



### Books and Rhymes

The Gigantic Turnip

The Owl Babies

Clap, Clap hands 1,2,3 & There's a Worm at the Bottom of the Garden



### Messages

**Sunbeams Face to Face Consultations Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Online 12<sup>th</sup> October:** If you haven't already signed up for Keyworker Consultations and you would like to see your child's Keyworker please let a member of staff know. There will be no Tapestry during this week so staff can prepare for the consultations

**Harvest Festival Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October:** Sunbeams will be walking to the church with the help of our parent volunteers. If your child is not in on this day and you would like them to join in. Please meet us at the St. Peters church in their own clothes at 9:45 am and they can join us for the ceremony. If you would like to make a donation, we are collecting both non-perishables and tinned goods for St. Peter's Church's charitable cause and for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Please send these to school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**Doors opening:** A number of parents have other children at neighbouring schools, in order for them to pick up their child on time we aim to open the Sunbeams gate at 2:55pm every day.

### Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgateschool.co.uk>

Who to contact:

To report absence, late pick up or collection information or other urgent information.) [office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk)

To contact the teacher for non urgent information:  
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