Sunbeams Newsletter 2

FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 29TH SEPTEMBER 25

Latest News

In Class This Fortnight… We'll be diving into all things autumn! Using the leaves and conkers you collect, the children will create beautiful nature collages and explore textures and colours through sensory play. We'll also be sorting and counting conkers to support early maths skills, and reading seasonal stories to spark imagination. We will also continue with our My World topic, by share photos of our families and talking about what is important to us

Tapestry is now up and running and you should have received at least one entry from your Keyperson. If you are having difficulties accessing Tapestry please email me on : Missdyos@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

Over the next few weeks we will observe Personal, Social and Emotional Development using the Development Matters non- statutory guidance to help us identify any child at risk of falling behind in this area.

Sunbeams Rules and Routines -We have all been so busy the past few weeks making new friends, learning each other's names and following the rules of the Sunbeams class. Our rules are; **to share, take turns, walk indoors, be kind and listen to each other.**

Children receive praise and stickers on their reward charts for following these. When they get 10 stickers their chart is full and they can pick a small toy from the Grab Bag.

How You Can Join In

Autumn Adventures Await! As the seasons change, we'd love your help bringing a bit of nature into nursery. Over the next few weeks, please take a moment with your child to collect some autumn treasures—leaves, conkers, sticks, or anything else that catches their eye. These natural finds will be used for creative activities and seasonal displays, helping the children explore the wonders of autumn together. Happy foraging!

Messages

Most children have settled with only a few tears now at the gate and our parents have been very brave as well!! For safeguarding reasons we ask that parents and carers say goodbye now with a quick kiss and cuddle at the gate.

The Sunbeams gate will close just after 9am for morning sessions and 12:30pm for afternoon sessions, if you arrive after this time please go to the main Stepgates entrance and ring the buzzer. We open our gates for home-time around 2:55pm to allow for parents with children at St. Anne's school to get there in time.

Starting school leaflet – If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you should have received a leaflet about starting Primary School. Sunbeams children do not automatically receive a place in Stepgates school sadly, so please take advantage of the open evenings coming up and visit all the local schools so you can make an informed decision about which school you would most like your child to attend in September 2026. You can apply for your choice of schools online between 3 November 25th and 15th January 2026. For more information on admissions please visit https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions

Information on our Open Days are now on the school website and posters outside school.

Important Dates

Tues 7th Oct – FOSS Happy Clothes Collection drop off

Wed 15th Oct – Individual Photos

Tues 21st Oct – Parent-Keyworker Consultation 3:30-5:00pm

Half Term – Mon 27th to Fri 31st Oct

Mon 1st Dec – INSET Day – School closed

Christmas holidays - Mon 22nd Dec to Fri 2nd Jan

Where to find information.

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

https://www.stepgatesschool.co.uk

Who to contact:

Office (to report absence, late pick up or other urgent information) office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

The teacher for non-urgent information:

Miss Dyos (Nursery Teacher & Nursery SENDco)

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