



The Scoop

October 2020

December

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Dear Parent/Carers, as you know we have all faced many challenges with regards to Covid 19; thank you for your continued support. To make sure staff, parents and children remain safe we will continue to monitor temperatures, and limit visitors to the setting unless absolutely necessary; we will continue to observe national, local guidelines and our own internal risk assessments.

The staff would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new starters and their families. Although the Autumn term will be different to normal we will be planning exiting activities leading up to Christmas including an Xmas party and maybe a special visitor if we can do this safely (a member of staff). Our topic this term is 'under the sea'. We will post pictures on our Face Book page – 'Barkston Ash Nursery School'



Website
Please check out
our website and
give us a 'star'
rating
Barkstonashnurser
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Parent contracts

All parents are required to give six weeks notice of any amendments to their child's sessions; this also includes

Allergy
Alert
If your child has any type of allergy, food or medical you must inform nursery

Healthy eating

Barkston Ash Nursery promotes healthy eating so please can you ensure your child's drinking bottle contains water only and there are no sweets or chocolate in lunchbox's, the nursery provides healthy snack including fruit and vegetables.



New Starters

Your child will be allocated a 'key person' who will be responsible for their day to day care. Your child's key person will be your first point of call; they will be responsible for your child's on-going development as well as providing you with regular updates. We have an 'open' door policy so that any questions you may have can be answered promptly.

Name Labelling

Please can we ask all parents to name their child's items. Bags, clothes, shoes and lunch boxes all need labelling so we can avoid any unnecessary confusion. Nappies, wipes and spare clothes all need to be provided by the parents.

www.mynametags.com is a very good reliable company for personalised name stickers. They stick on anything and can be washed on clothes in the washing machine. Please look online or ask in nursery for a leaflet.





I*M*P*O*R*T*A*N*T

Illness – I*M*P*O*R*T*A*N*T **COVID 19 Pandemic**

We appreciate that at the moment it is very difficult to ascertain whether a child has a simple cold or is displaying symptoms of Covid 19 – Nursery will use ‘Temperature’ as the main gauge. Any child who has a temperature of 37.7 degrees or above will be isolated and sent home. Normal temperature range is 36.5 – 37.5 (NHS). Please note, we do not give Calpol or Ibuprofen.

The national regulations for sickness and diarrhoea states that there must be a minimum of 48 hours clear from the last episode- these have been set for a reason and we will be enforcing these. We appreciate that this may cause inconvenience to some, however, we have a duty of care to everybody. It is important that you ring and let us know immediately if your child can not attend a session due to illness so that this can be recorded appropriately. We will not accept any child that is still symptomatic to ensure that we minimise the spread of infection. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Please note that if your child is absent from Nursery the fees are still applicable; for further information, please refer to the parent contract.



Security –
I*M*P*O*R*T*A*N*T
Please could all parents ensure that they wear a mask when dropping off their child. You must sign the track and trace register and provide a current contact telephone number. Thank you for your cooperation

Parking

Please can you ensure that you park safely around nursery. We regular complaints from residents regarding this matter. Please do not park across driveways or turn around in driveways.



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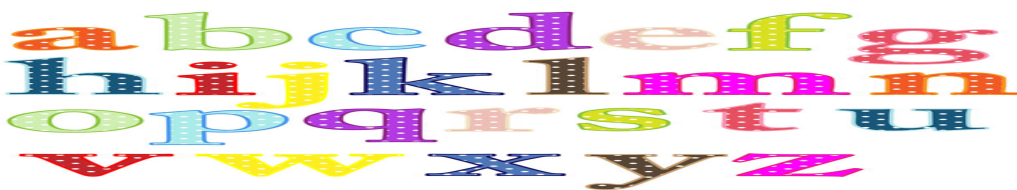
Letters and Sounds

Barkston Ash Nursery follows the 'Read write inc' letters and sounds. This system is working very well, and most or all children will know all the letter sounds before starting school with some able to blend sounds to create basic words.

This phonic based programme enables children to learn the correct letter sound to help 'blend' words when they are becoming readers. Although letter sounds will be used throughout the setting, we will only introduce the full programme of letters and sounds with the more able children who are ready for the next stage. All members of staff have received relevant training to ensure that this system can be introduced correctly. If you are teaching your child at home to write letters, please can you ensure that this is **lower case only**. As part of the read write programme we will teach children the correct letter formation. If you are unsure of the correct letter sound and letter formation, please speak to your child's key worker.

You can support your child's learning by practicing 'sounds' with them in the home environment. To help you, the following link demonstrates exactly how to pronounce the sounds;-

www.ruthmiskintraining.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/



Parent Suggestions

We value parents/carers comments. If you have any suggestions that could improve our service please speak to a member of staff.

FUNDING

2 year old funding

Your 2 year old child may be eligible for funding. If you, your spouse/partner are on job seekers allowance, housing benefit, income support or other matching criteria, please look at Childcare choices website to see if you are eligible – you could be entitled to 15 hours free nursery funding.

3 & 4 year old Funding

Any child eligible for funding (the term after your child becomes 3) is entitled to a total of 15 or 30 hours free of charge. This entitlement does not include or cover alternative sessions we provide. You will be invoiced separately for any additional sessions.

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IMPORTANT - Please note that parent declaration forms for 3 and 4 year old funding must be completed and returned to Nursery, failure to do so may result in your child being refused funding by North Yorkshire County Council.

Please ask a member of staff for a form.

**School Uniform
T-Shirts and
Sweatshirts are
available. If you
would like to view
or purchase
uniform, please
speak to any
member of staff.
Tshirts £5.50
Hoodies £11.50**



Please help us to celebrate your child's birthday by bringing in a cake or some buns.

Parent Helpers

We would normally welcome any parent, including fathers and grandparents to spend time with their child in the setting, however because of Covid we have had to stop this.

Indoor shoes/change of clothes

Indoor shoes must be provided
These can be pumps or slippers
indoor use only.



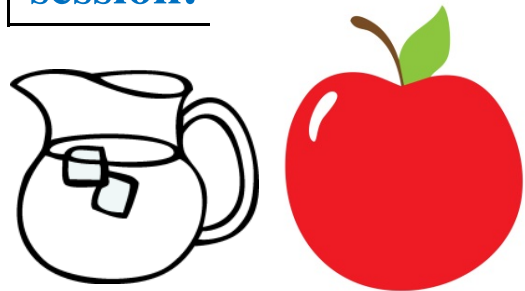
Please provide a spare set of clothes. If your child is still in nappies please provide nappies, wipes and any creams if required.

May we ask parents/carers to use pump bags only due to space limitations in the cloakroom

area.

Busy Box

Please could we remind you to bring your child's busy box each day that your child attends nursery and take them home at the end of each session.

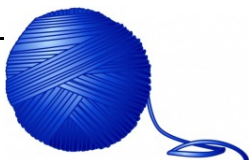


Drinks

Each child has their own drinking bottle at Nursery, which is filled with fresh drinking water; these are freely available to the children throughout the day. We do not offer juice as an option at snack time, but milk is available. If parents still wish to send a drinks bottle in with their child, please may we ask that they are only filled with water and that the bottle is named.

Craft Materials

Do you have any craft materials you don't want, i.e. wool, Corks, fabric etc. We would also like children's birthday cards – please recycle them at Nursery.



Request for extra sessions

If you require additional sessions above your normal booked sessions, please can you speak to a member of staff.



Holiday dates

for your diary (please note we follow the holidays of Barkston Ash School)

October half term 2020

Nursery closes on Friday 23rd October and re opens on Monday 2nd November.

Christmas 2020

Nursery closes on Friday 18th December, **we close at 12:30am** . Nursery will reopen on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

February Half Term 2021

Break up 12th Feb reopen 22nd February half Term

Easter 2021

Nursery closes on Friday 26th March reopen Tuesday 13th April

May Half term 2021

Nursery closes on Friday 28th May and re opens on Monday 7th June.

Nursery closes on Fr
7th September.



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