



## ALBAN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Nursery! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming back our old children and also lots of new children into our Nursery this term.

### Nursery Fund

The children take part in lots of fun activities during their time in Nursery. However, many of these activities require materials which get used up and often need replacing such as play dough and cooking ingredients. Therefore we would really appreciate it if all parents could contribute £2 a term to allow us to continue to provide these resources. Please put the donation in a named envelope addressed 'Nursery Fund'.

### Autumn Term

This term we will begin by learning about 'ourselves'. This will involve talking about our families, similarities and differences and discussing how we have changed over time. Later on in the term we will also do activities linked to Harvest, Autumn, Diwali, Fireworks and Christmas. If you have any books, resources or photographs that would support our learning this term please bring them in. Make sure they are named. Thank you in advance!

### Homework Grid

Each half term you will receive a homework grid. This gives you some ideas of activities you can do with your child at home which will contribute to their learning in school. Please choose one activity to do each week and return the grid with any work to Nursery each Thursday.

### Personal Wall Spaces

You may have noticed that we have lots of boxes on the Nursery wall, each with a child's name in. This is a special space for your child. When they have been somewhere special or done something they have loved, you can bring in a photo so that your child can share it with the class and then we will put it in their special box on the wall. Your child can also bring in pictures they have made at home. Photographs can be brought in or emailed to [admin@albanwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@albanwood.herts.sch.uk)

### PE Day

Morning Nursery children: **Thursday**

Afternoon Nursery children: **Tuesday**

Your child will be asked to take off shoes, socks and jumpers. They **do not** need a PE kit. However, it would be helpful if you could make sure your child wears shoes which are easy to fasten (such as Velcro) as this will help them to develop independence in changing. For safety reasons, we tape over earrings, so if your child wears earrings, you may prefer to remove them on PE days.





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### **Library Day**

The children will have the opportunity to visit the school library every Thursday. Please provide your child with a book bag on this day and remember to bring back the book you have borrowed every Thursday, as well as the homework grid.

### **Spare Clothes**

Please send your child to school with a complete change of clothes (including socks) in a named bag and, if possible, a pair of wellingtons which can be kept at school.

### **Clothing**

Please ensure that cardigans, jumpers and coats are clearly marked with your child's name as the children often take them off and do not always put them on their pegs. We use our outdoor area in all weathers so it is important that your child has a coat for playing outside, preferably with a hood! Shoes should be suitable for running and climbing outside. Velcro fastening shoes are easiest for the children to change independently. If your child wears earrings, please make sure they are studs, for safety reasons.

### **Learning Journals**

We observe the children in the Nursery and record their learning journeys electronically. At the end of each half term you will receive your child's ejournal via email. Please ensure that we have an up to date email address for you.

### **Stay and Play**

Every Friday we invite you (and any younger siblings) to stay and play in the Nursery for half an hour after dropping your child off. During this time you can spend time engaging with your child in their learning and play alongside them and their friends. You will also have an opportunity to look at the displays in Nursery and find out more about what the children have been learning. We hope you will be able to join us for this special time!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to us.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Hardiman, Mrs Nerecova, Mrs McKinney and Miss Douglas- *The Nursery Team*