



## 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 break and we look forward to welcoming some 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. Therefore we would really appreciate it if all parents could contribute £2 a term to allow us to continue provide these resources. Please put the donation in a named envelope addressed 'Nursery Fund'. Alternatively you could donate a bag of flour/ a bag of salt to Nursery so that we can continue to enjoy playdough activities.

### Spring Term

This term we will begin by learning about Winter incorporating the interest of "Frozen". We would like to show some clips from the film as starting points for activities within the Nursery. As the movie is a PG please let us know if you are unhappy for your child to see parts of the film as soon as possible. Thank you. We will also be going to hunt for signs of Winter at Leavesden Park on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January (weather dependent, otherwise 26<sup>th</sup> of January), please sign up on the Nursery board if you would like to join us. Your child will need a warm coat with a hood, a hat, gloves and wellies on this day. Then later on this term we will be finding out about Chinese New Year and exploring a variety of fairy tales. 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 homework book to Nursery each Thursday, the books will be returned home each Friday.

### Personalised Wall Space

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, where they can show when they have been somewhere special or done something they have enjoyed. The children really enjoy seeing their own pictures on the wall and we would like to keep changing them regularly. You can either bring in the photos or send them to [admin@albanwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@albanwood.herts.sch.uk)

### PE Day

The Nursery children will take part in PE in the hall every **Thursday**.

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.

### 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 along with your child's homework book.





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### **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 e-journal via email. Please ensure that we have an up to date email address for you.

### **Stay and Play**

Please hand in (or ask for another copy of) parent voice forms about Stay and Play by the Friday of this week. I can then inform you (based on parent voice forms) of when Stay and Play will be, starting the second week back. There will be no Stay and Play during the first week. It has been wonderful to have so many parents joining us each week and we hope that you will be able to join us for this special time to see what your child is currently learning.

### **Needed- Can you help?**

- Do you have anything the children could use for Den building outside e.g. old sheets, material, pieces of tarpaulin, planks of wood; be imaginative in things that could be used to make exciting dens!
- We are also collecting any old baking equipment e.g. trays to use in our mud kitchen, any contributions much appreciated!
- We now have a new junk modelling area outside, if you ever see stocks getting low we would love yoghurt pots, kitchen rolls, boxes etc for the children to continue their love of junk modelling!

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

Best wishes,

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