

September 2021



Dear parents and carers,
We hope you are all well and enjoying the last of the Summer. We can't quite believe September is here already, but here at nursery we are looking forward to the fun, outdoor opportunities Autumn brings.

Our new drop off and pick up system has been working well and it's been nice to hear good feedback from our parents. Thank you for your cooperation in making this successful.

This month all rooms will be holding their own stay and play sessions, please look out for a Tapestry memo for more information.

The process of transitioning our older toddlers to our new preschool room is starting this month. They are all excited to be visiting upstairs. Parents will be notified of any transitions involving their child.

From September, the Early Years Foundation Stage is changing, which means there will also be some changes to Tapestry. Please have a look at our parent information guide and if you have any questions, please ask a member of staff.

This month we are saying goodbye to Emma Bretherick and Ashleigh Griffin as they both leave to start on new career paths. We wish them well in their future endeavours and thank them very much for all they've done here. We'll keep you posted as we recruit our next senior team of course.

Dates for the diary 2021/22

Thursday 23rd December- nursery open as usual
Christmas Eve Friday 24th December-nursery closed
New Years bank holiday Monday 3rd January-nursery closed

Reopen Tuesday 4th January

Events to come this month

Rosh Hashanah 6th-8th
Jeans for Genes 13th-17th
Sukkot 20th-27th

Baby room

In August the babies went on a trip to the local library, where they enjoyed the children's area and all the different books. This love of books continued back at nursery too, with the babies showing particular interest in the book corner.

The children have enjoyed messy play and mark making. They have been exploring different mark making techniques, like vegetable printing. They have also enjoyed finding hidden objects in sand, water, and slime.

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Throughout September they will be doing lots of Autumnal exploration! They will be going over to our forest school and the local park to look at the changes we can see as the season turns.

Our new staff member Indi will be joining the baby room this month, we look forward to having her become part of the team.

Baby room 'Stay and Play' session will take place on Tuesday 28th September 4-5:30. Look out for a memo from Bee for further information.

Toddler room

The toddler group have been enjoying their book of the month 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children have been doing their own bear hunts around the setting, reciting the story as they go. They also looked at pictures of real bears and their habitats.

The children have also been discussing different occupations and people who help us. We stocked our role play with different dressing up pieces which the children have loved using, the police and fire helmets have been particularly popular!



For September, the toddlers' book of the month will be the brilliant 'Whatever Next?', by the late Jill Murphy. This will be linked with lots of space themed activities, inspired by the story.

As the season begins to change, we will be going on lots of adventures around the community, finding Autumn objects such as conkers and leaves. If you go on any Autumn trips, please share pictures with us on Tapestry and bring in any interesting objects you find.

Toddler room Stay and Play session will take place on Thursday 23rd September 4-5:30. Look out for a memo from Tom for further information.

Preschool

This past month in Pre-school we have been preparing our school leavers for their big transition to school by role playing and having open discussions. Alongside this we have been talking about our feelings and emotions in relation to their new school.

The children's maths focus has been on shapes. They have been using a variety of media and materials to create different shapes and talked about the unique characteristics of each shape. This linked

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nicely with their interest in colour mixing; they used the colours they'd mixed to paint their shapes.



This month preschool will be doing a topic on me and my family. Please send a family photo to us through tapestry or email and we will print them to add to our board.

Preschool room Stay and Play session will take place on Wednesday 29th September 4-5:30. Look out for a memo from Jon for further information.

Illness

We ask that you please respect our policy to reduce illness spreading and keep children out of nursery for 48 hrs after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to help prevent everyone else catching it, including staff who offer the continual care valued by your child. If antibiotics are being used, we kindly ask that you keep your child away from nursery for the first 48 hrs following initial medication.

Facebook

If you'd like to follow us on Facebook, we'll keep you up to date with lots of activities here and other related interests too. Search for Yorkshire Montessori Nursery. Photos follow our strict guidelines, and we never identify a child by name or photo.

Invoices and payments

Could you please ensure that all new Government Tax Free Childcare, Tax Free Childcare Payments, Vouchers and Bank Payments are made by the 1st of the month, in line with our terms and conditions. Thank you.

If you are changing the way you pay, e.g. with the Tax-Free Childcare payments, please let our accounts team know as soon as possible, or by 15th of the month on headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help.

Notice re payments after the 1st: Some payments have been increasingly irregular, such as Tax-Free Childcare, bank payments and voucher payments. Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the 1st of a month. A 'late payment charge' of £75.00 will be made where fees continue to be late.

Extra Sessions

Please can we ask that if you require any extra sessions for your child or need to make a change to your permanent sessions, these must be confirmed by someone in the office. We ask for 1 months' notice to any change in permanent sessions to allow for payments to be amended.

Safeguarding

The designated safeguarding lead for our setting is **Christine Dixon**.
The deputy designated safeguarding lead is **Ashleigh Brain**.

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