



## NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to the new term at Owlets, we hope you have all enjoyed your summer. This year will be slightly different due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but we will ensure your children still learn and have lots of fun and enjoyable things to do whilst they are at Owlets. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children throughout the year.



### Autumn Term Projects

This half term our School Value has been Community. The children have been learning what it is like to be a part of our pre-school community again after such a long time away

We will be doing 'All About Me' and Family projects with the children over this term. Please could you email photos of your family to the above email address for us to talk to the children about their families and to create a wall display. We will also be talking about the season of Autumn, so if your child goes out for a walk and collects any conkers, chestnuts, pine cones or anything else interesting relating to Autumn, you are very welcome to email photos for them to 'Show and Tell'.

### Harvest

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be supporting the work of The Lord's Larder food bank. We would like the children to bring non-perishable food items to pre-school from:

### Monday 19th October to Wednesday 21st October.

The food will then be quarantined before sending to the Lord's Larder. Examples of non-perishable food are tins and packets of dried food. When deciding what to bring in, it might be helpful to know that the Lord's Larder has a shortage of the following items:

- Instant Coffee
- Tins of baked beans
- Tins of ravioli, macaroni cheese and spaghetti
  - Tins of hotdogs or chilli con carne
- Tins of vegetables, particularly sweetcorn and potatoes
  - Tins of fruit
  - Tins of peas



We thank you in advance!

### Coats & Bags

Please ensure all coats, jumpers, cardigans and bags have your child's name clearly written in them, this helps avoid confusion when children have similar items of clothing or bags.

Can I please also take this opportunity to ask if you can all ensure that your child has spare clothes with them at all times.

If your child is still in nappies, please ensure they have a good supply of nappies in their bag, along with wipes and nappy sacks.

Please also ensure that any medication is **NOT** left in their bags, as other children may mistakenly go in the wrong bags.

Could we also please ask if you can help your child to learn to put their coats on by themselves at home please.  
Many thanks.

### Recording Your Child's Progress

For new parents we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, recording children's progress whilst they are here with us at Owlets. We use an online program called Tapestry, the school also uses this program in the Foundation Stage, so the observations we have made of the children here, will follow them on in to their reception class.

To allow me to send you out login details for this, I do require an email address, so if you haven't already supplied us with one, could you please do so.

### School Photographs

Unfortunately the Owlets children will be unable to have their photographs taken this year. The reasons for this are that parents would be unable to bring children in that are not present on the Monday when the photographer is here and we feel it would be unfair if some children couldn't have their photos taken. Also we are unfortunately not able to enter the school premises due to COVID-19.

It is a real shame, but hopefully everything will be back to normal next time.

### Lunch Boxes

I would like to take this opportunity to ask if you could please ensure all lunchboxes, bottles etc. have the children's names clearly written on them. These will be placed on the lunch trolley in the cloakroom.

Drinks bottles will be left with the children's lunch boxes, we have water freely available all day and a choice of milk or water at snack times. If the drinks bottles are left in the playroom, they could be mistakenly drunk by the wrong child, which of course is very unhygienic, especially during this COVID-19 pandemic, we also have children that have severe allergies.

We encourage the children to eat healthily, so please ensure they have healthy lunches, that contains food that the children can manage to eat by themselves e.g. peel oranges, slice apples etc. Grapes and cherry tomatoes **MUST** be cut in half lengthways, as there is a very high risk of children choking if they are not. If your child has a yoghurt can you please remember to provide a spoon too. Thank you!



### Owlets Facebook Page

We have an Owlets Facebook page where general information will be shared, as this is a public page.

We also have a closed group that only parents of children currently attending Owlets will be allowed to join. This group will be used to post photos of the children enjoying their time here, allowing parents to see what their children are doing. If you have any objections to your child's photos appearing in this closed group, please speak to me or let a member of staff know.

### SCHOOL FOOTWEAR

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate school shoes to school - boots are unsuitable for indoor use.

