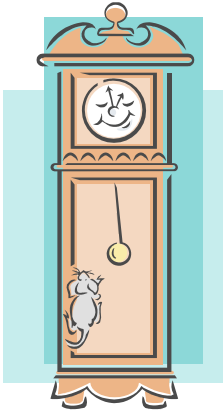


Dickory Docks Day Nursery



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Welcome back!

We're in Autumn Term 2, and it's that time of the year again where we will be getting into festive spirit in the build up to Christmas. There are number of important dates that you may want to pop in the diary to avoid disappointment. Here at Dickory Docks we aim to please and will be looking forward to sharing these magical events. If you have any queries please feel free to speak to our staff who will be happy to help. Please look out for Tapestry updates and posters for events that will be displayed on entrance door of your child's room. Please keep an eye out on Parent's notice board for latest updates and for important information and links.



Monday 30th October - Friday 15th December 2017

Xmas break: Monday 18th December - Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Tuesday 2nd January 2018 - Friday 9th February 2018

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd March 2018

Half term: Monday 13th February 2018 - Friday 17th February 2018

Please check our Website for more dates and for more information.

All children will come back to nursery on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Christmas Holiday Dates for your Diary

Children who attend nursery term time (grant) only will break up for Christmas on Friday 15th December 2017. Nursery for full time children will close on Friday 22nd December 2017. All children will return on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Upcoming events

November and December are full of celebrations and festivities. Dickory Docks family is looking forward to celebrations with our lovely children and supportive parents.

Halloween Party	Tue 31st October
Parent's Evening	Babies - 13 th and 15 th November Toddlers - From 6 th Nov to 10 th Nov Pre- school - From 6 th Nov to 10 th Nov
Nursery Photographer	Tue 7 th November
Curriculum Day	Thu 9 th November
Thanksgiving food tasting and craft work shop	Thu 23 rd November
Independence Day Albania	Tue 28 th November
St. Andrews Day Scotland	Thu 30 th November
Christmas Carol Services	Wed 6 th December
Christmas Fair	Fri 8 th December
Hanukkah	Tue 12 th December
Christmas Party	Thu 14 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Fri 15 th December



Nursery Photographer

We have a professional photographer coming on 7th November. If your child does not attend on this day and you wish the photograph to be taken please feel free to bring your child in from 10.00 am in D- Block.

Parents Evening

We are holding parent Consultations in our nursery. Please feel free to speak with your child's key worker to book a time slot. It is very important to attend these meetings as it can help in discussing child's progress and next steps for child's development. Please keep an eye out on Tapestry updates and the information displayed on doors. Please feel free to speak with a member of staff for more information.

Baby Room:	Monday 13th November and Wednesday 15th November 4.30 pm to 5.30pm
Toddler Room:	From Monday 6th November to 10th November
Pre- school:	From Monday 6th November to 10th November

Curriculum Day

We are holding our Curriculum day on Thursday 9th November 2017 from 6 pm to 7pm for parents of Pre- School and Toddlers who will be joining pre- school in January 2018. It is very informative and helpful in understanding the growth and development of your child.

Merry Christmas



Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 8th November 2017 in D Block. We request donations from you or your work place for our raffle prizes. If you have any unused gift or toy, we will be happy to use it for our raffle prizes. Any

donations are highly appreciated. Parents help is always welcomed who would like to assist our team for Christmas fair. Thanks in advance!

What did we do in Autumn Term 1?

All children settled in really well after long summer break. New children are also well settled by now. We have started working towards to get ready our children for school.

In Autumn Term 1, we learnt about "All about Me". We talked about different cultures.



We organised **Macmillan Coffee Morning** 29th September 2017.

The event was huge success. We would like to extend our huge thanks to our lovely and supportive parents, Staff and the nursery contribution.

We raised £151!



We also celebrated **Rosh Hashana, Jewish New Year**. We all tasted apple with honey and children were told about the festival. It helps children to develop understanding and respect for all the culture and it is covered under EYFS (Understanding the World).



We celebrated **Indian Festival, Diwali** on 19th October 2017 and requested all the parents to send their children in colourful dresses. Even staff members wore colourful dresses. The story of Diwali was shown to children and children liked it. They painted diyas (lamps) and drew rangoli.



We had our **Pre-school Assembly** on 20th October 2017. The theme of assembly was Harvest festival. We are thankful to all the parents for coming and encourage our lovely children. We are so thankful for your support.



In Autumn Term 2, we are looking forward to learn about "Around the World". We will be learning about different festivals and celebrations all over the world.



Reminders

Winter is here!

Please remember to send your child in weather appropriate clothing. Do not forget to give hat and gloves along with warm coat for cold days. We enjoy outdoors in all weather rain and shine. Please make sure your child's clothing is properly labelled and named in case clothing is missed place. We do have a lot of children who have the same style clothes and footwear.

30 Hours Funding News

We had a lot of extra work to do in admin make sure all parents were given all the information. Please note that all 3 & 4 years olds are entitled to the 15 hours funding, and the additional 15 hours funding is for eligible parents

Parents can apply for both the 30-hour scheme and Tax-Free Childcare scheme through the website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Parents need to re-confirm their 30 hours approvals regularly

30 hours funding can be used on a stretched (51 weeks of the year) or non-stretched (38 weeks of the year) contract.

If you are eligible please provide Bob or Meenu with the code you are given. This code needs to be validated by the nursery. Due to nursery closures, we need these codes by Friday 22nd December 2017.

Tapestry- Online learning Journal

You should be receiving regular observations of your child through photos and video footage. Any problems, please contact Meenu or Bob.

Thank you to all the parents who are returning posts and commenting on their child's observations. We enjoy receiving your comment and we find using this form of communication works really well, as you are able to provide us with information in the "here and now" about what your child's interests are away from the setting.

Any photos that you upload in return are posted into your child's learning journey and are linked to your child's profile. This information then generates the next steps for your child's learning.

If you care to research it further it can be found online at the following address: <http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction#overview>

Nursery Uniform

We are pleased to announce that we now have a large stock of nursery uniform in the nursery. If you would like to purchase some please speak to a member of staff.

Data Updates

If you have changed your telephone numbers, or emergency contacts or home address, Please make sure to provide us the updated information to change the details in our admin system. It helps us to reach you on time.

Statements and Accounts

If you are awaiting any statements for your accounts please request one from Bob or Meenu who will be happy to print or email you one to ensure your account is up to date.

Lunch / Tea charge

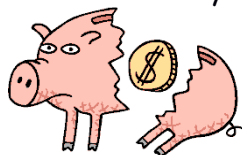
The Lunch/Tea charge is applicable to all children who are Grant Only. The food prices are as follows.

Breakfast Charge	£1.00
Lunch Charges	£4.00
Tea Charges	£2.50

Please note that those parents who wish to book nursery meal for their children have to sign food agreement (ask one from office) and the food charge has to be paid in advance for confirming the bookings. In failure to do so reluctantly we have to cancel the food order for your children for following week.

Fee and Payment reminders

Fee Payments - Please ensure that you receive/ask for a statement at least every month. I will try to make sure you are sent one, but if I forget, please do ask for one!



Our preferred method of payment is via a Bank transfer or Standing order. Please do remember to use the Child ID as the reference for payments to help track them. Statements can be requested by emailing to admin@dickorydocksdaynursery.co.uk or bob@dickorydocksdaynursery.co.uk

Terms and Conditions of your contract

May I remind some parents of the terms and conditions stated in your signed contract.

Care Charges/Fees: Payable 52 weeks of the year. If attending for Nursery Education Funding only, there may be a top-up charged. Fees will NOT be refunded or waived for absence through sickness, family holidays or bank holidays. Fees may be paid with Cash, Cheque, Standing Order and/or Vouchers. We now offer a card payment facility where you can ring to make a payment.

Late collection: Late collection charges apply at a rate of £5 every 5 minutes, subject to discretion by the management team.

Invoice: If you need a formal invoice please ask for one. Each invoice due must be paid as soon as the invoice is issued through a bank transfer. **A child may be permanently excluded from the Nursery at any time when fees are unpaid.**

Session Changes: Reminder that we need TWO WEEKS clear notice to change sessions. This is to allow us to update our numbers, and provide enough staff to cover the care. If you do not give full notice, we will not accept the changed sessions.

Non-payment: The Nursery will pursue all non payments of fees including using Debt collection agencies, and sharing of personal information. No child information will be disclosed.

Termination: Period of Notice: 4 weeks' written notice to the manager will be required to terminate the service care agreement.

Withdrawal: A child cannot be withdrawn **without written notice of 4 weeks**. If a child is withdrawn, fees (and if applicable, interest) will be due and payable for the notice period.

Termination by the Nursery: The Nursery may bring the contract to an end by giving Parents/Guardians 4 week's written notice. No notice will be given if termination is as a result of non-payment of fees, or behavioural issues of the child or Parents/Guardians.