

Castlefield School Early Years Newsletter



Autumn 2024

The children have settled wonderfully into the new term and are enjoying their new learning across the setting.

It has been great to see so many parents at our 'meet the teacher' meetings, ensuring key messages can be shared. Supporting your child to develop their independence is vital this half term. This might be toilet training for our youngest pupils, walking from the gate to the classroom independently in Reception or eating confidently using cutlery.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school daily and prioritise reading and sharing stories with your child. Knowledge organisers have QR codes, which can be scanned to listen to the half term's key stories and key vocabulary we want children to know and remember is highlighted. Google classrooms have been set up, so your child can access their homework, please speak to your child's class teacher if you need any assistance with this.

After half term, we will begin our fortnightly 'Stay and Play' and 'Share a Story'. Further information will be sent to you shortly.

Mrs Sohal and the Early Years Team

<u>Nursery</u>

Nursery pupils are enjoying exploring their new rooms and building relationships with their key workers and peers. Parents can access 'Target tracker link' and will receive weekly observations detailing what the children have been learning from this week.

We are now offering 15 hour and 30 hour places. Please contact the school office if you are interested in 30 hours or accessing our extended provision.

Next half term we will start the 'Toy Library', a specific toy will be sent home with your child to support their development.

Dates for your Diary

Phonics Workshop (Reception) 24th September

> Target Setting Day 4th October

EY and Y1 Maths Workshop 8th October

Resourced Alternative Provision







The children are enjoying their slightly extended day.

Please continue to support your child at home using PECS. The primary focus is getting the children to look at the card being used alongside the word.

Over time, this will provide a

communication system for your child.

Reception







Reception children have settled exceptionally well this year. Routines are fully embedded and the children are enjoying the structure of the day, especially phonics and maths.

This half term they will be learning about their senses and exploring the changes seasons, focusing on Autumn.