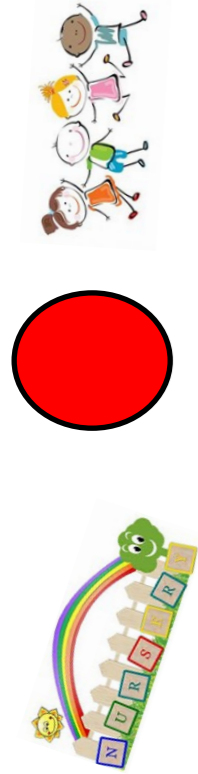


# Important Dates in September



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26 Bank Holiday—Nursery Closed	27	28	29	30
Group 1 and 2a 8.45—10.30am	Group 1 and 2a 8.45—10.30am	Stay and Play Group 1 Group 1 and 2a 8.45—10.30am	Stay and Play Group 2 Group 2b and 3 8.45—10.30am	Stay and Play Group 3 Group 2b and 3 8.45—10.30am
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9 Group 1 and 2a 8.45—11.00am	10 Group 1 and 2a 8.45—11.00am	11 Group 2b and 3 8.45—11.00am	12 Group 2b and 3 8.45—11.00am	13 Group 2b and 3 8.45—11.00am
16 Most children 8.45—12 noon	17 Most children 8.45—12 noon	18 Most children 8.45—12 noon	19 Most children 8.45—12 noon	20 Most children 8.45—12 noon
23 Most children 8.45—12 noon	24 Most children 8.45—12 noon	25 Most children 8.45—12.30 (dinners)	26 Most children 8.45—12.30 (dinners) <b>Summer and September Birthday Celebrations</b>	27 Most children 8.45—12.30 (dinners) <b>Favourite Colour Day</b> Fitminds Coach Ronan visit

# Moneymore Nursery News Sheet

## September

**Themes:** Settling In and Marvellous Me

**Colour:** Red

**Shape:** Circle



### Starting Nursery

Welcome to Moneymore Nursery Unit and this our first edition of the Nursery Newsletter. This is a very exciting month as your child starts their learning journey here at Moneymore Nursery Unit. We hope your child will enjoy their year at Nursery School. The staff are looking forward to getting to know each child as an individual. We appreciate your patience and understanding regarding the settling in process. Remember all children are different and some children take longer to settle than others, therefore the below times may differ for certain children.

### Reminder

Please ensure you send your child to nursery with the following at the beginning of the year:

- Named change of clothing
- Tissues and kitchen roll
- Wellington boots (named)
- Labelling (stich on)
- All About Me Photo's
- Family Photograph
- All in one waterproof suit (named)

Group 1 and 2a	Group 2b and 3
<b>Week 1</b> Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th September 8.45 - 10.30am	<b>Week 1</b> Thursday 5th - Friday 6th September 8.45 - 10.30am
<b>Week 2</b> Monday 9th - Tuesday 10th September 8.45 - 11.00am	<b>Week 2</b> Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th September 8.45 - 11.00am
<b>Week 3</b> Monday 16th - Friday 20th September 8.45 - 12 noon	<b>Week 3</b> Monday 16th - Friday 20th September 8.45 - 12 noon
<b>Week 4</b> Monday 23rd - Tuesday 24th September 8.45 - 12.00 noon Wednesday 25th - Friday 26th September 8.45 - 12.30pm (staying for dinner)	<b>Week 4</b> Monday 23rd - Tuesday 24th September 8.45 - 12.00 noon Wednesday 25th - Friday 26th September 8.45 - 12.30pm (staying for dinner)
<b>Monday 30th October</b> Full day at nursery begins for all children (8.45am—1.00pm)	<b>Monday 30th October</b> Full day at nursery begins for all children (8.45am—1.00pm)



### Appointments

If you have to take your child out for an appointment during the school day, you must inform nursery staff prior to this either through a phone call or note on seesaw. Where possible please try to make appointments out of school hours.

### Absences

Parents/legal guardians must inform Nursery staff of their child's absence, from nursery, and reason for their absence on the school app. If there is no reason provided, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

### Work Trays

Each child has their own work tray in which to keep their work and also any notes and letters for you. Each day your child will check their drawer and bring home their special work.

### Nursery Fund/Snack

Nursery Fund is priced at £45 per term. There are three terms in a school year. This covers the cost of snack and other items such as playdough ingredients, parties, external facilitators and visitors. This money is to be paid via the school app and the payment for term one should be made by Friday 4th October. Snack time is generally between 10.00 and 10:30 am each day. We provide a variety of healthy food and we will encourage your child to make choices about their snack independently encouraging a variety of food. We aim to promote independence in terms of pouring and carrying snack items.



### Clothes

Remember to mark all items of your child's clothing with their name including shoes and wellingtons.

Please ensure that you have brought a change of clothes for your child in case of any accidents, which may include spillages, accidents or falling outside. A change of clothing should remain in school at all times (this does not have to be uniform). Please return changed clothing as soon as possible and some of the nursery staff will put the items into your child's named bag.

We will be having lots of fun in our sand hut and digging area outside. Please make sure your child has a waterproof suit and a pair of wellies, labelled with their name. We will be storing our wellies on the wellie rack in the outdoor play area and suits in our suit storage.



Children have to change into their wellie boots when playing outdoors. Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable footwear (velcro shoes) so that they can be as independent as possible when changing. You can also encourage your child at home to take off and put on their own shoes.

### Dinners

It is anticipated that most children will begin dinners on **Wednesday 25th September**, as long as they are ready and settled. Please pay for dinners via the school app before 9am each Monday morning. Dinners costs **£12.50 per week** (Monday – Friday). If dinners are not paid on time there is the 'School Dinner Emergency Booking' option available.

The dinner menu will be made available on 'seesaw'/the school website. Your child will be encouraged to attempt a variety of foods during dinnertime and those with food intolerances will be catered for.

If you feel your child may be eligible for free school meals, please apply via the Education Authority website as soon as possible.



### Nursery Times



We appreciate your patience with Nursery start and finish times during the month of September to accommodate children settling in to their new learning environment.

We operate a flexible drop-off in the morning to ease congestion. Children may be dropped off between 8.45 and 9.00am at the gate to the rear of the nursery and a member of the nursery team will bring your child in. Children who arrive after 9.00am will be marked as late so please be as punctual as possible.

Children should be picked up at 1.00pm. Please be punctual as children do not like to be kept waiting, particularly at the beginning of the year. Please collect your child from the gate at the rear of the nursery and your child will be brought to you. Please let us know if there is any change to who is collecting your child either verbally or using a seesaw note. Also ensure you complete the online form on seesaw outlining the list of people who can lift your child from nursery.



### Forms

Please complete all forms on seesaw by Monday 16th September.

Please complete hard copy emergency contact list by Monday 16th September.

All absences from nursery should be reported via the school app.



### Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club is available for children, who are settled at nursery, from **Monday 23rd September**. Children can be dropped off at the staffroom door of the main primary school, located in the main playground from 8.15am. A member of staff will then bring the children down to nursery at 8.40am. Please pay via the school app before 9am each Monday and an emergency booking option is also available.

### Birthdays



We hope to have a birthday party every month to celebrate the birthdays of children born in that month (including summer birthdays in September.) This will, generally, be held on the last Thursday in the month. On this special day we will have treats and party games. If your child has any allergies, which you haven't already notified us about, or you would prefer your child not to eat certain foods, please let us know.

### Medication

Some medications (e.g. asthma inhalers) must be kept in school and not taken home. If these are needed, a medical form must be filled in.

Nursery staff cannot hold or administer pain relief or antibiotics and should your child need these during the day an adult must come to nursery to administer them.

### Theme Day

At the end of each month we will have a themed non-uniform day. We would ask your child to bring £1 on this day. This money will be used towards external facilitators and possible trips. This month children can come to school wearing their favourite colour. The coloured item/s can be a t-shirt, leggings, jumper, hairband, socks etc. Our favourite colour day will be on **Friday 27th September**.

**Mrs Leitch**  
**(Nursery Teacher)**  
**Mrs Glasgow**  
**(Nursery Assistant)**

### Seesaw



As a means of communication we will be using the 'Seesaw' app. Each child has been provided with their own unique QR code for their own private pupil profile. Please 'like' your child's first post to ensure we know you are able to use seesaw without any complications.

Please use this platform as a means of communicating appointments, accidents, notes, special events e.g. a photograph/video of your child's exciting news e.g. baking buns at home etc. and home learning links to eliminate the transfer of paper.

In our nursery unit we view you parents as partners in your child's learning and wish to involve you as much as possible to support your child's learning and development. A song sheet will be distributed monthly outlining some songs that we will be covering in our music and movement sessions. Key language will also be distributed monthly and home learning links to support your child's topic learning. Please upload a photograph/video of your child completing one home learning activity weekly.

Some photographs of your children will also be uploaded to seesaw. However, we have an additional seesaw account for pupil observations that will be used by nursery staff.

### **Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday:**

**Caleb**

**Elsie Carmichael**

**Clayton**

**Nathaniel**

**Isaac**

**Eva**

**Layla**

