



DITTON LODGE COMMUNITY NURSERY
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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to say that the children have all settled well into nursery life and their new routines.

Get ready for lots of glitter as we head through Bonfire Night and full steam ahead to Christmas!

Annual General Meeting

In October we held our AGM where we voted in the committee for the Academic year 2025-2026.

Caroline Lander – Chair

Steven Burgess – Treasurer

Amy Greening – Secretary

Kristie Raymond – Trustee

Molly Muncaster – Trustee

Jessica Rose – Trustee

We really appreciate your commitment to our nursery, thank you.

Clothes for Outdoor

The majority of children now have their own wellies here at nursery, so thank you for supplying those.

As the weather is now starting to get colder, could you please ensure that your children have suitable items for being outdoors, including suitable warm and waterproof coats. We do use the outside in all weathers so items such as hats, gloves and scarves will no doubt be needed soon.

Please remember to label all items of clothing.

Spare Clothes

Please can you ensure that your child has sufficient changes of clothes in their bag. There are lots of opportunities for the children to get wet or mucky at nursery so it is imperative they have clean, dry clothes to change into.

Tapestry

Thank you to everyone for activating your Tapestry account. It is important that you access this system as it will enable you to see the observations that we have put on about your child and will allow you to share with us what your child has been doing at home. There is an 'About Me' section for you to complete about your child, could you please complete this if you haven't done so already.

Stay and Play Sessions

Please remember to put the dates for our stay and play sessions in your diary. These sessions often prove to be really popular. The children love showing off their friends to members of their family and showing them what they play with at nursery. Our next session will be held on Wednesday 10th December 13:40pm-15:10pm. Remember that sessions are only open to family members of children that attend that session, we will be holding further Stay and Play session through the year, these will be on different days of the week and at different times so hopefully everyone will have an opportunity to attend.

Stay and Play session for Spring Term:

Thursday 5th February – 08.40am-10.10am

Tuesday 17th March – 13.40pm-15.10pm

Chattersacks

We will be reintroducing our Chattersacks over the next few weeks. These are for you to take home for a week and share with your child. Each bag has a theme and contains a book around that theme. The contents of each bag differ, some have games or puzzles, some have toys, all linked to the theme of the Chattersack with activity ideas to support you. The aim of the Chattersack is to support the development of speech and language. If you are interested in borrowing a Chattersack, please speak to Julie.

Parents Consultation

These will be held on **Wednesday 26th November** in the evening. The sign-up sheet will be put up in the foyer for you book an appointment slot to speak to your child's key person. If this date is not suitable, please contact us and we will endeavour to arrange a different time and date for you.

Art Folders

All children have an art folder that their masterpieces are placed into, please try to empty this on a regular basis. We try to remember to put the box or folders out on a table at the end of session every now and then, but you are welcome to check them yourselves. Could you take just the art work and leave the folder at nursery, thank you.

Book Library

In our foyer there is a box of books on the unit 'Our Book Library'. Please do choose a book with your child to borrow and share at home. There is a list for you to sign your book out on, please return for others to borrow, we suggest after about a week. Happy reading!

Fundraising

Thank you to all who took part in our Sponsored Find, you all did an amazing job! You raised £442.50, that is double last year's total so a massive thank you and well done!

We are registered with easyfundraising. Once you have signed up it is a great way to raise money for the setting when shopping online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

With Christmas fast approaching please remember to sign up and support us for FREE whilst you do your Christmas shopping!

You can find our easyfundraising page here:

[Ditton Lodge Community Nursery Pre-School Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

Vinted

We are still collecting items for us to sell on Vinted. There is a box in the foyer for you to drop off your items. Thank you to those who

have already donated, we have made £45.45 so far!

Christmas Fundraising

We will bring you more information about what our Christmas fundraising plans are this year, as soon as we have finalised them.

The children have been busy with something special, look out for an email over the next day or so.

Christmas Party and Last Day

Friday 19th December will be our last day of term before the Christmas holidays. We will have a party for the children on this day and more details will follow nearer the time. Please be aware that we will be closing at **12.30pm**.

Dates for your Diary

10th December 13.40pm – 15.10pm – Stay and Play

26th November – Parents Evening

19th December – Last Day of Term &

Christmas Party – **12.30pm close for the holidays.**

15th January – National deadline for Reception Class Applications for September 2026.

