



Artemis Nursery Newsletter October 2017



We will be using this week to talk to the children about staying safe when out in their communities. We will be doing lots of environmental walks looking at vehicles and traffic and talking about the safest way for them to cross roads.

We will be talking about safe speeds to travel at and what all the numbers mean on the road signs.

During this week we will have talks from Police Officers and a Lollipop Lady who will talk to the children about the parts they play in keeping our roads safe.

World Food Week

Monday 4th December 2017 - Friday 8th December 2017

All week we will be cooking and tasting dishes from all over the world. If there are dishes that you and your family make that you would like to share it would be lovely if you could spare some time to prepare them and bring them to nursery for your child to share with their friends. If your children wear traditional clothes for special occasions and meals it would be great for your child to wear them to nursery.

We will also have raw food bags available containing recipe cards and the raw ingredients of meals we enjoy at nursery for you to make with your child at home if you wish. We would love to see photos of this.

Nursery Fees.

Fees must be paid in advance in order to fund the care, food, equipment, and staffing that we, as a functioning nursery, are required to provide throughout the month.

If you are struggling to make payments it is always appreciated if you contact us to discuss a payment plan.

Invoices are now emailed to parents. If you are not receiving them please let your child's Nursery Manager know and they can pass your details to our Finance Team.

Arrivals & Departures

We have a **strict** adult:child ratio that we have to adhere to at all times so ask that you **do not** arrive for nursery **before** 8.00am for our morning session or 1.00pm for our afternoon session, unless you have previously arranged with Emma.

Can I also ask that you arrive promptly at both **1.00pm** and **6.00pm** to collect your child? If you are going to be late for any reason please phone and let us know as soon as possible so we can let your child know and make arrangements for adults to stay with them.

Please can we ask that all of you to ensure that you **close** the nursery door and gate behind you and that you **don't** let anyone into the nursery building? If we haven't met any family members or friends before, we will ask you for a password so we know who they are when they come to collect. Please could you tell a member of staff if somebody different is collecting so we are aware.

From week commencing 16th October 2017 there will be a parent question each month. Please help shape your child's nursery by being part of the choices we make. You will be asked to answer 'yes' or 'no' to certain questions using beads and placing them in the yes or no jars. You can also make comments about your choices if you wish.



Contact Details

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If you cannot contact me at the nurseries it usually means I'm in meetings, but you are more than welcome to phone my mobile and leave a message and I shall return your call as soon as I can.

Alternatively you could email me.

If your query relates directly to your child's nursery then below are the contact numbers you need for each setting. If your child is not coming into nursery, we ask that you phone the nursery to inform them at your earliest convenience.

Sarah Moran at Artemis St Leonards 01424461188

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Yasmin Gurr at Artemis Hastings 01424426178

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Christmas Dates

Artemis will be closed from Friday 22nd December 2017 and will reopen again on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Christmas Parties

Artemis St Leonards 18th December 2017 4.00pm-6.00pm

Artemis Hastings 20th December 2017 4.00pm-6.00pm

Artemis Hollington 19th December 2017 4.00pm-6.00pm

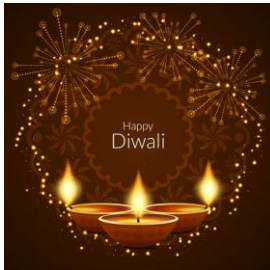
All children are welcome at the parties whether they usually attend on this day or not and whilst we are able to supervise those children who usually come to nursery on the day of the party within our ratios, we ask that if your child does not usually attend then they will need an adult to stay with them for the whole party.

Diwali
Thursday 19th October 2017

During the week beginning **Monday 16th October 2017**, we will be celebrating Diwali, the biggest festival in India. Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'diyas.'

All week we are asking you to wear **bright** coloured clothes to nursery to celebrate the festival with us. The children will be able to create lanterns, firework pictures, Rangoli patterns and different foods they like to eat.

Join with us and celebrate!



Dates for your Diaries

There are a few dates for your diaries which you will be reminded of throughout the Autumn Term.

Bring Your Parents or Grandparents to Nursery Week.

Week Commencing 30th October 2017.

We would like to invite you to come and spend some time with your child/grandchild at nursery. You can see how beautifully they all play and learn together. You are welcome to join us for breakfast, lunch or tea too so you can taste the outstanding food on offer.

Parent's Evening

Tuesday 7th November 2017

This is a chance for you to meet your child's Key Worker to find out how they are learning and developing at nursery. A time sheet will go up in the classrooms on **Monday 30th October 2017**. If you are unable to make this day then please speak to your child's Key Worker who will be happy to arrange an alternative day and time convenient for everyone.

Nursery Photos

Artemis St Leonards Monday 13th November 2017 10.30-2.00
Artemis Hastings Tuesday 7th November 2017 10.30-2.00
Artemis Hollington Monday 6th November 2017 10.30-2.00

We have a professional photographer coming in to take your child's nursery photos. If your child attends on this day normally we can take them for you and are happy to get them changed for you if you wanted to bring in spare clothes.

If this is not a day that your child usually attends then please pop along between **11.30 - 12.00** or **1.00-2.00**.

EYEE Funding Term Dates

East Sussex fund either 15 or 30 hours for 38 weeks per year through the Early Years Education Entitlement. The term dates for the academic year September 2017 - July 2018 are:

Autumn Term

4th September 2017 - 15th December 2017 [14 weeks]

Half Term 23rd October 2017 - 27th October 2017

This Christmas we are closed from the 22nd December 2017 - 4th January 2018

Spring Term

8th January 2018 - 30th March 2018 [11 weeks]

Half Term 12th February 2018 - 16th February 2018

Half Term 2nd April 2018 - 13th April 2018

Summer Term

16th April 2018 - 20th July 2018 [13 weeks]

Half Term 28th May 2018 - 1st June 2018

All 3 and 4 year-olds in England currently get 15 hours a week of Early Education the term after they turn 3. If you work and are living in England, your 3 and 4 year-olds may be entitled to 30 hours childcare from September 2017.

Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare are two separate government schemes, to help parents with the cost of childcare. You can apply for both through one online application which can be found on <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

To qualify for either scheme, you must be working and each earning [if applying as a couple] at least £120 a week and not more than £100,000 each a year.

If your child turns 3 before the 31st December 2017 and you think you would qualify please apply **now**.



Children in Need
Friday 17th November 2017



During the week beginning

Monday 13th November, we will be hosting a fundraising event for Children in Need. We are inviting you to wear your spottiest of clothes all week and help us to raise lots of money by getting your friends and family to sponsor you. Please don't worry if you don't have any spotty clothes, you can wear bright colours or wear a Children in Need t-shirt. We will be making cakes, biscuits and tarts during the week which will be available for you to buy at the end of the day. Donations of cakes would also be grateful. Every penny from the money we raise will go towards helping disadvantaged children and young people right here in the UK.

Collect your sponsorship forms from the classrooms during the week beginning **Monday 30th October 2017**.

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

The new guidance from the Health Protection Agency on infection control within nurseries is that you are advised to keep your child at home for **48 hours** after their last episode of either diarrhoea or vomiting to prevent it spreading through the nursery. We appreciate it is sometimes difficult to diagnose as a bug in young children straight away but appreciate your cooperation in collecting your child if the need arises.