Have you updated your contact details? Please let your Key Worker know ASAP!

DOWRY HOUSE NURSERY
NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2016

Welcome back to nursery; we hope you all had a good summer break! We would like to welcome all our new parents and children and hope that you all enjoy your time at Dowry House. Autumn is a very busy term with celebrations and festivals including Harvest, Diwali and Halloween which will be followed by Bonfire Night and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. After these we will begin our countdown to Christmas with activities and parties. We will also have our annual special guest... Father Christmas!

Parents' Open Evening: Monday 7th November at 6:30pm. You will be able to chat with your child's key worker and look through their Learning Journey. You will also have the opportunity to see how your child is 'learning through play' with our hands on activities. This will be the only time when the nursery will be a ***child free*** zone and we hope you can take advantage and come along. We will be incorporating a coffee and cake fundraiser for Cancer Research. Please bring some loose change if you wish to donate.

School Places: A poster is displayed on the main door with details of how to apply online for a school place. If your child is starting school in September 2017, apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk or call on 01772 532190. The closing date for application is **January 15th 2017.** Please speak to your child's key worker, if you require any help.

Swimming Lessons: Swimming is on Tuesday mornings at Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre. These lessons are designed to build confidence and be safe in and around water. Dowry House staff are on hand throughout to be with the children and lessons are delivered by qualified swimming teachers. If anyone is interested, please tell a member of staff. Certificates/badges are awarded for achievements.

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Signing in/Out: Can we ask all parents/carers to correctly sign their child in and out of nursery using the sheet by the main door. Some children are regularly left without a time for entering/leaving nursery or both. It is also very important that you write down who has collected your child. E.g 'Mum', 'Uncle Paul' etc. Safeguarding of children is a priority at the nursery and assisting us with this would be greatly appreciated.

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Reminder: Now that the weather is changing, please send a suitable coat and shoes for outdoor play as we do access the outdoors every day. Also, could you ensure that all clothing and bags are named as there are children with similar items which can cause confusion. (Please name bags on the outside in a prominent position)

Photographer: Our annual photographs are provisionally set for October. Look out for a poster on the door. These have proved to be very reasonable and make lovely Christmas gifts for family members.

Morning/Afternoon Starters: This is just a reminder to all parent/carers that your child's start time is either 8:00, 12:30 or 13:30. To maintain correct ratios and to ensure the safety of all children, earlier entry cannot be granted. Please don't be offended if a staff member asks you to wait outside until your session begins.

Late Pick Ups: A further reminder to all parents/carers that the nursery reserves the right to charge £1 per minute for pick-ups after designated session time. This is 12:00 or 13:00 for morning only children, and 5:30pm for all others. This is due to Staff costs as a result of a late pick up. There has been an increase in the number these incidents in September, so charges will be enforced and added to an existing or new bill.

Dates for your diary:

Half term week	31st Oct to 4th November inclusive. Open as Usual ***Reminder: There are NO sessions for Funded ONLY Children, but paid sessions are available if requested.***
Photographer	A Poster will be on display soon and a letter with time slot details will be given nearer the time.
Parents' Open Evening	Monday 7th November 2016 @ 6:30pm (Please be advised that NO CHILDREN are to attend Parents Evening)
Christmas Party	Thursday 15th December 12:30 to 3:00p.m ***and*** Friday 16th December 10.30 to 1.00p.m This is dependent on days attended. If your child/ren are not in on either day you will be allocated a day to attend.
Nursery closed	Funded only children finish on Friday 16th December. The nursery closes on Friday 23rd December at 5:30 for all remaining children. We will re-open for all on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.