

THE BULLETIN



BROUGHAM STREET NURSERY SCHOOL



MESSAGES

October Half Term
Monday, 26 Oct 2020
to Friday, 30 Oct 2020

Please book holiday
club by the 2nd Oct

Uniform is in stock in
the office. Polo shirts
£6.50, jumpers £9

Keep up to date with
news by regularly
checking Tapestry and
our Facebook page.
Please 'like' and
comment so we know
you have seen posts.

WELCOME!

The Nursery School class team welcomes you to Brougham Street, whether you are a new pupil, have moved up from our toddler room or were part of our class last year.

Over the summer we have been developing both our indoor and outdoor spaces. For example, to support physical development we have installed a transverse climbing wall and basketball hoop. We have also created an outdoor classroom on top of the tree top lookout. We can't wait to see what will be created there!

Inside, the classroom has been decorated and completely reorganised. We now have dedicated areas for junk modelling and woodwork. This is where we need your help. Please donate boxes, bottle tops, scrap wood, cardboard rolls. These all make great building materials for our budding creators.

We love to read and we now have books across the classroom, not just in the reading area. The classroom is a continually evolving space and we are excited to see how it will develop over the coming year.

KEEPING IN TOUCH



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

Hopefully you now have Tapestry installed on your desktop/tablet/phone. It is our primary means to get in contact with you, sharing news, updates on your child's learning and letting you know of any events which are coming up. Please get into the habit of 'liking' our posts, so that we know that you have read them. If you have any issues with Tapestry, please speak to Sallie in the office.

We would also appreciate it if you would share with us what you have been doing at home. Perhaps your child has a special interest which we could develop in the classroom or maybe you have got a new kitten or have visited Skipton castle recently. These insights help us to develop our relationship with your child and of course you, their family, which in turn helps us to provide better support for learning in nursery school.

DID YOU KNOW..?



Over lockdown we shared lots of ideas for activities over Tapestry, we have subsequently uploaded some of them to our YouTube channel 'Brougham Street Nursery School' <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJfbmGECnyrL-V2AgHC2fQ/>

We also have a Facebook page on which we share regular posts. It also helps us to engage with our local community and support other community groups who have supported us. For example Skipton Rotary Club who awarded us a grant to buy our Forest School waterproofs last year.

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2021?



Is your child starting school in September 2021? If so, please be aware that the Primary school application process will be underway from October. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021 and all applications must be made online.

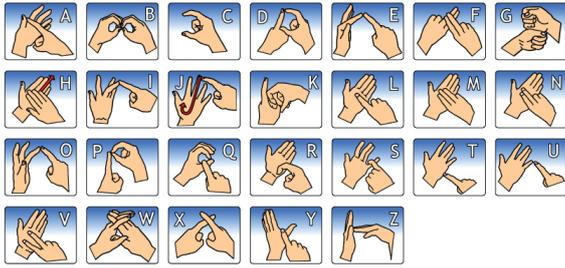
We advise all parents/guardians to access the NYCC website which details valuable information about the primary school admissions process in North Yorkshire <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/find-school>

Schools apply various criteria if there are more applicants than there are places, that is, if the school is oversubscribed. Children living within a school's catchment area is the third priority criteria which is applied when making admissions decisions for oversubscribed community and voluntary controlled schools. It is therefore possible for children not to get a place in their catchment school. Furthermore, if there is not a place available at your preferred school you may be offered a place in a school which you have not put on your choices list, but which is able to offer a place.

Technical help is available from office if required, please just speak to Sallie.

A CHALLENGE

BSL - FINGERSPELLING ALPHABET



SHARE & PRACTICE BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE ONLINE
WWW.SIGNLANGUAGEFORUM.COM/BSL

If you have ever seen Mr Tumble/ Something Special on CBEEBIES, you will no doubt be familiar with Makaton, Makaton is a means of communication using symbols and signs. We regularly use Makaton in the nursery school classroom. We are building on this skill by encouraging all of our nursery school class staff team to learn the British Sign Language fingerspelling alphabet. We plan to use it as part of our day to day practice in the classroom to support the development of communication and language skills. Our challenge to you is to learn the BSL Fingerspelling alphabet too!

In addition to it being a great skill to have, you can actually have a lot of fun too. Especially if you think of it as a way to speak in code, and a way to send secret messages! Alison has created a video demonstrating the signs on our YouTube channel, which we hope that you will have a look at.

What is the difference between BSL and Makaton?

Makaton is designed to be used to support spoken language, for people with learning or communication difficulties. ... British Sign Language (BSL) is a language with its own structure and grammar and uses hand signs, body language, facial expression and lip patterns.

To learn more please visit: <https://www.britishsignlanguage.com/fingerspelling-alphabet/>

GET TO KNOW OUR TEAM



Hi, my name is Alison and I am the class teacher at Brougham Street Nursery School. I originally trained as a marine biologist and worked as an immunologist in the aquaculture industry in Scotland, before following my then three year old son into nursery back in 2009. My two sons are now both at secondary school, and my daughter has just started in Year 5. My husband Gordon is often found in nursery school, most recently installing the basketball hoop on the tree top look out.

My family and I moved to Skipton in 2015 from Scotland where I had lived for the fifteen years. However, I am originally from the red rose county, as I was born in Lancashire and grew up on a farm in the tiny hamlet of Eagland Hill. In comparison, Skipton is a veritable sprawling metropolis.

My main hobby is genealogy and I lose many an hour researching what my ancestors did and where they lived. I have recently discovered that my 5x Gt Uncle was Jack Nastyface! The name was actually a pseudonym for William Wells Robinson whose book 'Memoirs of an English seaman' was one of the very first authentic accounts of life in the Nelsonic navy from the viewpoint of the common sailor.

We love to hear from parents/guardians throughout the year and have an open door policy for parents/guardians to contact us with any questions or concerns. Alison, Ann, Bev, Beth, Lorraine, Madiba, Natalie, Pauline and Michael