



Nursery News

Happy Holidays



Monday 19th October 2015

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your child have a relaxing and fun half term holiday! The children really do deserve it after their first half term in Nursery which has been filled with fun, adventure, exploration and poignant learning experiences! We are thrilled with how well the children have now settled into routines, key worker groups and in areas of learning. Learning continues for the children outside of nursery so we have provided the children with a holiday diary sheet. We want the activity to capture key memories, and your child's diary sheet will be put into their learning journeys. We would just like to remind you of dates for the next half term.

* **Monday 9th November;** Parents as Partners week begins. We have sent out letters for your child's session, could you please return this slip by **Tuesday 3rd November.**

* **Wednesday 9th December;** Nursery party during your child's usual session.

* **Monday 14th December;** Early Reds and Afternoon children Nursery concert (pm)

* **Thursday 17th December;** Late Greens and Morning children Nursery concert (am)

Family Wish

 We would also ask that those of you who have not yet sent in 'My Family's Wish for Me' please do so as staff have left a space for this in your child's learning journey. This sheet was given to you during your child's one to one induction meeting. If you have misplaced this please see staff for another copy or you may wish to fill one in when you attend the Parents as Partners session for your child.

Name Labels

 We would ask that children have all coats, hats, cardigans and jumpers labelled. As children are managing their self-care more independently we would ask that you ensure labels are clearly visible in all of your child's uniform to help your child, as many of the children have the same sized clothing.

Toileting

 We have noticed an improvement with children's toileting skills and would like to thank you for your support with this. We would kindly ask that between now and Christmas parents continue to toilet train children at home so that by Christmas children are confident in managing their own self-care and wearing underpants as part of this.

Parents as Partners

Each Key Worker group has been allocated a set time during our Parents as Partners week to allow you to see what activities your child carries out with their Key Worker and friends. You will also be able to get to know your child's Key Worker more through the session. The session will allow you an opportunity to view your child's Learning Journey whilst children settle in. We will then provide a short staff led session discussing early reading and our 'Home School Book Lending Library' alongside other useful information. We will then invite you to join in with a Key Worker session where you and your child will complete an activity together after which you may stay and play with your child in the areas of provision. At the end of the session you may take your child home with you. **We would ask that you send a jam jar in for the session in a named bag or with a name inside for the parent and child activity.**



New Learning

The children's learning will be taking off in new directions after half term and the children have already indicated new interests to staff. This week we will be reorganising the nursery environment to facilitate new enhancements to ensure children's skills are continued to be built upon through this.

Children have indicated that the dark (night time), lights (following discussion about the illuminations), space, story books, camp fires and dressing up are what they would like to explore further. We will keep you updated about this.

Nursery Rhymes

The children have LOVED the Nursery rhymes we have been singing this half term. We often use the bbc nursery rhyme website which is filled with an extensive range of traditional and favourite rhymes for children to watch and sing along to. The link to this is...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs>

We have sung...

- Baa Baa Black Sheep
- Humpty Dumpty
- Old MacDonald
- Incy Wincy Spider
- Five Little Monkeys
- Five Little Speckled Frogs
 - Ten in the Bed
 - I can sing a rainbow
 - It's raining, it's pouring
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Once I caught a fish alive
- Horsie, horsie don't you stop
- Twinkle, twinkle little star



You may wish to sing these with your child at home to support their communicative and language skills.

Nursery Fund

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to Nursery Fund this half term. Your donations have allowed many new experiences to be funded. We will be using money raised to buy a mini portable campfire pit so we can toast marshmallows and have stories around the campfire as well as new story books for children to enjoy. Money raised next half term will go towards buying each child a pot of play dough which they will use in Nursery as part of 'Dough Disco' after Christmas.

The Nursery Money Box is in the cloakroom and we really appreciate your contributions as do the children!



We would like to thank all of the children and their families for a fantastic half term, it has been wonderful to work with you all. We would like to express our sincere thanks for all of your support as it really does make the difference to the children. **We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd November.**

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you!

We wish you all a fantastic holiday!
Mrs Bell, Mrs Groser, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Lowes and Mrs Hill

