



Nursery News

Autumn Half Term Holidays



Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Dear Parents,

We would like to wish all of our children and their families a fun filled holiday for the October half term. 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! The children are enjoying group time and extending their own learning in areas of provision. 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 Journey. You can get children to draw a picture or add a photograph to this alongside comments about what children get up to. We would just like to provide you with dates for upcoming events.

* **Monday 4th November**; Return to Nursery

* **Wednesday 6th November**; **Halloween party** during your child's usual session. Children can come dressed as they wish but we ask for nothing scary.

* **Monday 11th November**; Parents as Partners week begins. You should have received your appointment time if you have returned your slip to Nursery.

* **Wednesday 11th December**; Nursery party during your child's usual session.

* **Tuesday 17th December**; **Early Reds, Afternoon and 30 hour** place children Nursery concert (2pm)

* **Wednesday 18th December**; **Polar Express Day**. Children come to Nursery in pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns. (We will be watching the movie, having hot chocolate and cookies – please see staff if you have any queries).

* **Thursday 19th December**; **Late Greens and Morning** children Nursery concert (10am)



Family Wish

We politely remind 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 like to politely remind parents to label all items of clothing for children including shoes, hats, scarves and all uniform. When collecting your child at the end of their session if they are not wearing their jumper or cardigan we kindly ask that you check their tray for items as children and staff place these in here if they are labelled.

Parents as Partners

The children are excited to welcome you to join us during our Parents as Partners week to allow you to see how your child learns during their time at Nursery, meet their Key Worker and some of their friends. We will invite you to stay for the full session outlined on the slip as this is not a one to one consultation with staff however you may speak to staff during the session about any queries you have. The session will allow you an opportunity to view your child's Learning Journey and look at their experiences and achievements so far in Nursery. 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 come and play in Nursery. We have some exciting activities that you can carry out with your child as well as playing with your child during explore time. At the end of the session you may take your child home with you. However children who are full days will remain at Nursery for the remaining session. We appreciate that only one adult may attend this session to keep numbers down however if you wish to view your child's Learning Journey please see Mrs Bell. **We would ask that no siblings attend the session and that mobile phone**  **kept locked away.**

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.



New themes are...



Superhero School

Children have LOVED the Superhero songs with Tiny Tweeties and we have themed this with many of them acting in role as 'a teacher' to create our Superhero School. Children can explore their maths and literacy skills within this as well as be imaginative in the Superhero they would be. It's going to be an exciting area for our Superheroes!



Space

Children have been discussing dark nights, stars and what they can see in the sky. We are therefore creating a Space area in our link complete with twinkling stars, planets and some little green friends! We will have our own Space Station where children can learn all about Space, small world rockets, space themed play dough and painting activities as well as a range of dress ups! It's a fantastic new area and we can't wait for children to explore it!



Halloween

Children have been full of stories about pumpkins and dressing up for the upcoming season. We will be therefore exploring the text 'Room on the Broom' and children will have the opportunity to make their own stick puppet, develop counting with pumpkins and even explore our Potion Lab in the water tray. It's always a popular text with children.

What's Your Emergency?

Children have loved our Tiny Tweeties song 'I wanna be a Fire Fighter'. We are creating a Fire Station for children in the building area complete with Fire Trucks and props to see how many real life Superheroes we have in the making!



BEEP BEEP WEEK

We will be looking at keeping ourselves safe during the week beginning Monday 18th November linked to the 'Brake Charity' Beep Beep Day on Wednesday 20th November. It's a great way to engage children with the road safety basics through fun activities, while raising awareness among parents and the wider community about protecting children on roads. We would ask any families who have any Emergency Service connections if they would be willing to come into Nursery to talk to the children about keeping safe and the role they have to help us!



Nursery Fund

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to Nursery Fund this half term. The Nursery Money Box is in the cloakroom and we really appreciate your contributions as do the children! **We still need your support for our Halloween party so any 50p donations would be appreciated.**

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 Monday 4th November. We wish you all a fantastic holiday!**



Mrs Bell, Miss Judges, Mrs Goodall, Mrs. J. Hill, Mrs Hewson, Mrs Brewerton, Miss Cook, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs. D. Hill