



Nursery News

Autumn Half Term Holidays



Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your family are all safe and well and coping with the current isolation period. We are aware how difficult this can be having to be in the house with little ones for extended periods of time. We are very upset that the children will be missing out on any activities that you may have had planned for the half term holidays next week as are the staff. We do however realise how important it is to follow the government guidelines and complete this isolation period to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus. We know that in children it is particularly hard to identify as they can be asymptomatic and may only present with a spiked temperature for a few days. We do hope that the children are all safe and well and managing to pass the time this week and that next week on Friday you can all enjoy some holiday activities together.

We did post activities onto Seesaw themed around Room on the Broom that can be completed this week or you may wish to do these next week. We have had some lovely photographs and videos this week of lots of fun happening at home. Many children have extended these ideas further or have adapted these to suit their interest and this is fantastic to see.

We would just like to provide you with dates for upcoming events.

- * **Monday 2nd November;** Return to Nursery
- * **Wednesday 4th November;** **Halloween party** during your child's usual session. Children can come dressed as they wish but we ask for nothing scary.
- * **Monday 9th November;** Parents as Partners week begins.
- * **Wednesday 9th December;** **Polar Express Day.** Children come to Nursery in pyjamas, slippers and dressing
- * **Friday 11th December;** Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch in school (for those children who attend Friday)
- * **Wednesday 16th December;** Nursery party during your child's usual session.



Self-Care

We politely ask that parents continue to support with toilet training whilst children are at home over the next week. Accidents are common in Nursery however we would ask that in light of the current pandemic that for those children who still have occasional accidents or are still training with pants that parents continue with this over the holidays. This is to ensure that staff have less changes to complete for the safety of everyone.



Name Labels

We would like to politely remind parents to label all items of clothing for children including shoes, hats, scarves and all uniform. We appreciate that children often place these down in Nursery and staff will remind them of placing these in their trays or on their pegs however we are still finding unnamed items which makes the process very tricky. Thank you in advance.

Parents as Partners

This is a session we always look forward to in Nursery however with the ongoing restrictions COVID-19 is inflicting upon us we are so sorry that we are having to do this differently this year. We usually provide information in a parent session with Mrs Bell informing you how your child will develop through nursery, ways you can support and other educational information. This year we will create video's of these and they will be added to Seesaw for you to view. Parents are usually offered the opportunity to view their child's Learning Journey and chat informally to their child's Key Worker however we are unable to do this presently and therefore will offer telephone appointments. These calls will be for five minutes and should you need more time than this a further phone call can be arranged. The letter that you will receive in Week 1 will ask you to identify sessions when you would be able to take a call from staff.



Nativities and Christmas Concerts

The staff have been debating what is the best decision around Nativities this year and it has been so hard for us to make this. However we feel that a child's first nativity is one where their parents should be able to come and watch them in the hall, see them sit and sing with their friends and have the joy of having their parent see how much they have grown since they arrived in Nursery in September. Therefore we have decided that we will not carry out a traditional Nativity this year and hope that children will be able to complete this in Reception with their family watching.

We will still perform "A Magical Christmas" and all children will require for this is a **Christmas jumper**. If your child has any lovely Christmas hat they wish to wear or Christmas boppers these would be very welcome. We will be filming these and parents will be able to purchase a DVD for you and your child to watch at home, or maybe even buy as a gift for any family members you think would enjoy.



We will send confirmed dates for filming after half term.



We hope you understand this decision and support us with this. If you do have any queries regarding this please speak to staff via Seesaw.



Anti-Bullying Week

Week beginning; Monday 16th November 2020

Children will be exploring 'United Against Bullying' in Nursery this year through age appropriate activities. We will be watching the film 'Ugly Dolls' and exploring what makes us unique and special in our own way. There will be more details to follow after half term however if any parent does not wish for their child to watch the film please let staff know via Seesaw.

Winter Warming Snacks

We will be starting warm snacks after half term. There will be a range of choices throughout the week and as always these will be notified to you on a daily basis via Seesaw. Please note that fruit will continue to be available daily and that children can access this as well as water and milk throughout Nursery session other than group times. As always we ask you to keep staff up to date with any new allergies etc. for individual children.



Nursery Fund

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to Nursery Fund this half term. Any donations can be sent in via a sealed envelope!



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 2nd November.

Stay safe everyone!



Mrs Bell, Mrs Goodall,, Mrs Hewson, Mrs Brewerton, Mrs Groser, Miss Cook,
Mrs Nicholson and Miss Dunn

