



# Nursery News

## Happy Holidays



Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents,

We would like to wish all of our children and their families a fun filled 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 delighted that all of the children are now settled into Nursery, 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 journeys. 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 remind you of dates for the next half term.

\* **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November;** Halloween party during your child's usual session. Children can come dressed as they wish but we ask for nothing too scary.

\* **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November;** Parents as Partners week begins. We have sent out letters for your child's session, could you please return this slip by **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

\* **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December;** Nursery party during your child's usual session.

\* **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December;** Early Reds and Afternoon children Nursery concert (pm)

\* **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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, jumpers and shoes 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. We are also encouraging children to be independent with coats.

### 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. However children who are full days and parents attending on a morning may leave their children. **We would ask that no siblings attend the session.**

### 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 they are interested in Halloween and what they will be dressing up as, mark making, numbers, sensory play including potions, slime and gloop as well as castles and characters found within these. 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 sang...

- Humpty Dumpty
- Old MacDonald
- Incy Wincy Spider
- Brush Your Teeth
- I can sing a rainbow
- It's raining, it's pouring
- Horsie, horsie don't you stop
- Twinkle, twinkle little star
- The Grand Old Duke of York
- The Bear Went Over the Mountain
- The Wheels on the Bus



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

### Nursery Halloween Party



We will provide snacks for the party using Nursery fund so that dietary requirements are catered for. Children will have a hot dog in a bun (quorn sausages will be offered to those children who are vegetarian) and sparkler breadsticks (breadsticks dipped in chocolate with sprinkles). If any parents have any queries please see Mrs Bell.

### 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 including the purchasing of new woodland animals which the children have loved as animals is a huge interest with many of them. 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 Monday**

**31<sup>st</sup> October.**

**We wish you all a fantastic holiday!**

Mrs Bell, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Lowes, Mrs Cowley, Mrs Hewson and Mrs Hill

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you!

