



Newsletter November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that our **corridor** has been **re decorated** and once again looks lovely, fresh and bright. We apologise for any inconvenienced caused with the pegs being removed however, they are all now back in place. We are looking forward to having our reception redecorated next which is the last area to complete our indoor refurbishment.

We can now confirm that our **large climbing frame for the pre school** garden equipped with a slide, rock climbing wall, rope wall and den has now arrived and will be assembled shortly!! We would like to thank you once more for your generous contributions towards this!!

We are sad to announce that **Gemma Hickling** leader of the Seaside room with be leaving Bright Comets, Gemma has chosen to undertake a different carer path and will be **leaving us on Friday 2nd December**. Please join me in thanking Gemma for her hard work and wishing her the best of luck with her new chosen career, we will keep you informed of Gemmas replacement when we have completed our recruitment process.

You should have all received your **“Christmas Gift”** order form, should you wish to place an order, please do so with full payment by **Friday 4th November**; orders for two calendars or more can unfortunately no longer be placed.

We would like to thank all of you who have helped build the nursery and our reputation through recommending a friend! We are becoming extremely busy and now have limited spaces in all rooms. Please continue to spread our name reception and you may be entitled to our **“Recommend a Friend” discount and receive a huge saving of 25% off one month's fees!**



Did you know?

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on diarrhoea and vomiting

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/diarrhoea-vomiting-children.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on bed wetting

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/pages/bedwetting.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on language development with twins.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/language-and-twins.aspx>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

This month we will participate in celebrating fireworks night through making lots of pretty pictures in paint and using a variety of different tools to do this for example, we will push and pull cars through paint, hit and splat paint with our hands and feet and do lots of finger painting. We will also be exploring Diwali and will be creating Rangoli pictures using coloured rice and glue, we will also attempt to make tea light holders using salt dough!

Parent Link – Can you take your child to a small fireworks display or hold one in your back garden and let your child see and hear the different sounds and colours they make.

Seaside:

This month we will be looking at fireworks and will be exploring the different colours and patterns we can make through various art and craft activities as well as, playing with different coloured torches in the dark. We will also be making tea light holders and lanterns to celebrate Diwali. The children will also be exploring food and will be printing with and tasting a variety of different fruits and vegetables. We will end the month by developing our gross motor skills through participating in small obstacle courses, dancing with streamers and painting with our whole bodies.

Parent link – Can you take your child to a small fireworks display or hold one in your back garden and let your child see and hear the different sounds and colours they make, please take photos and provide us with them.

Meadow:

This month we will be looking at a new book “The Gruffalo” carrying out exciting activities such as; making play dough Gruffalos, Gruffalo crumble and 3D Gruffalo claws. We will also be setting up a variety of activities for the children to access on a daily basis such as a Gruffalo Café, a small world scene, threading with the characters in the book and making our own puzzles. We will also be celebrating Fireworks night by making Catherine wheel pictures using

cut out toilet rolls, making cheese and tomato Catherine wheel pizzas and hitting, splatting and throwing paint to make pretty marks. Can we please encourage you to bring in a spare pair of shoes for your child if they are toilet training as we do not have spares for them.

Parent link – Can you purchase and read “The Gruffalo” with your child at night and point out all the characters and events that take place within the book? Can you take your child on “The Gruffalo Trail” at Horsenden Hill?

Pre School:

This month we will be looking at the festivals of light and will be doing various activities to celebrate firework night and Diwali. We will also be focusing on how to identify our names and will encourage the children to get into a routine of signing themselves in and out on a daily basis. We will also be looking at numbers and will begin to try and solve simple mathematical number problems. We have now started to practice our Christmas Nativity Play and will shortly send out the lines and songs that your children need to learn- please practice these at home every day to support our play!

Parent link – Can you take your child to a small fireworks display or hold one in your back garden and let your child see and hear the different sounds and colours they make, please take photos and provide us with them.

Do you celebrate Diwali? Can you bring in some photos of your celebrations?

Gentle Reminders

As the **weather is now changing** can we please ask that you include **a coat, hat and wellington boots** in your child’s bag for nursery so that they are able to play in our garden whatever the weather.

I would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and that all children, parents, carers and visitors should have vacated the premises by this time. Should you require verbal feedback on your child’s day, please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to allow you to leave before 6.00pm. **As you are aware, charges may be levied for delays after 6.00pm and we really do not want to be in a position to charge this.**

Please don’t forget to check your parents’ information boards, facebook and our website for further information and reminders.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 31st October – Nursery Halloween event and tea party

Parents are asked to bring their children to nursery in **fancy dress** to participate in various activities throughout the day such as, carving and exploring the inside mush of pumpkins,

making and exploring green gloop, making pumpkin pie, ghost meringues and creating magic potions. Along with, carrying out various arts and crafts such as, making Halloween cards, sponge painting and printing, making spider mobiles, pumpkin faces, decorating masks and balloon ghosts. In the afternoon the children will have a party tea and play some party games. If your child does not attend this day but you would like them to come along please feel free to bring them along however you will be required to stay with them and supervise them at all times. Please let Janine or Kirsty know if you will be bringing them in order for us to ensure everyone is catered for.

Friday 4th November- Fireworks Night

The children will be participating in a variety of art, craft and cooking activities that promote creative exploration and mark making. The children will also participate in making a guy fawkes.

Friday 11th November – Diwali

The children will be participating in various activities through the day to support their understanding of this festival such as; making coloured rice pictures, handprint candle holders, Rangoli pictures using different media such as chalks, crayons, sand, rice or salt, clay model tea light holders, flower garlands, door hangers and wax candles.

Parents Evening- Tuesday 15th November 6.30-8.30 pm

A 10 minute parent consultation evening will be held to discuss your child's learning and development with their key worker. Booking times will be made available two weeks before this date therefore, please speak to your child's key worker to book a time slot that suits you both.

Friday 18th November- Children in Need

This year to raise money for children in need we have decided to hold a **cake sale!** Cakes will be on Sale from 7:45am Friday Morning until 5:30pm that evening. All children are encouraged to dress up and wear **SPOTS** to nursery for the day and all money raised will go to Children in Need!

Thursday 24th November- Bring a bottle Pyjama Day!

We will be having a pyjama day; children are encouraged to come to nursery dressed in their favourite pyjamas/onesie for a cosy day at nursery. We would like to ask parents for their support and if your child wears their pyjamas to kindly donate a bottle for our bottle tombola at our fete. These can be any unopened bottles (bubble bath, spirits, fizzy drinks, juice and condiments).

Christmas Fete - Saturday 3rd December 10:00am-1:00pm. ... Come and join us for a mince pie and mulled wine.

All parents, children, family and friends are welcome to come along to this fun, exciting event. There will be many exciting stalls and activities available for both adults and children including the chance to meet Santa in his grotto, a lucky dip, arts and crafts, cake stall, chocolate hampers, Christmas gift stall and refreshments.

Tickets can now be purchased from the Rooms!

£2 entry per adult (over 16s) , including unlimited refreshments, children can come for free.

£2 per child, for the Santa's Grotto.

All donations and money raised will be put towards buying new resources for the children.

Pre School Christmas Nativity Play – 13th, 14th and 15th December, 2:30-3:30pm

All children in Preschool will be taking part in this years Christmas Nativity play and will be performing it to parents/family on the above dates.

Seats MUST be booked in advance to ensure adequate space for all visitors therefore, a MAXIMUM of TWO places can be reserved at one time, and additional places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis a week before the above dates.

Please speak to Leonie, Chelsea or Shirley to reserve a place.

Nursery Christmas Dinner & Party! - Tuesday 20th December

All children will be participating in Christmas activities and party games for the duration of the day.

A Christmas lunch will be served at 11:30pm whereby all children and staff will enjoy the festive feast together. The menu for this will be displayed on each parent information board shortly.

A Christmas Party tea will be served at 3.30pm and all children will have a special visit from Father Christmas and receive a present each to take home.

If your child does not usually attend on this day and you would like to book an extra session or join your child for the day please speak to Kirsty or Janine as soon as possible.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Kirsty, Janine and Team.