



Newsletter October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that our **Pre school room** has been **re decorated** and has had **new rugs and cushions** to match and once again looks lovely, fresh and bright. We are now looking forward to having our corridor and reception redecorated which is the last area to complete our indoor refurbishment.

We can now confirm that all the **garden resources** purchased with the money raised from Seaside and Meadow sports day have now all arrived and their garden is now equipped with a very popular **climbing frame, a trampoline and a variety of bikes and scooters!!** I am also very pleased to tell you that we have **ordered a large climbing frame for the pre school** garden equipped with a slide, rock climbing wall, rope wall and den!! We would like to thank you once more for your generous contributions!!

We are pleased to inform you that as a result of all of your generous **“bag to school”** donations we have raised £36, this money will be put towards refurbishing the nursery garden.

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**; should you wish to order more than two calendars, your order will need to be submitted no later than **Friday 21st October**.

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 including the use of our flyers found in 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 temper tantrums

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

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on teaching your child everyday essentials

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/teaching-child-essentials.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on coughs, colds and ear infections in children

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/coughs-colds-ear-infections.aspx>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

This month we will be taking part in lots of sensory, messy play for Halloween such as, the insides of a pumpkin, coloured gloop, cooked spaghetti and using paint to create some Halloween artwork for our display.

We will also be taking part in animal discovery day by looking at stories of animals, playing with the farm and encouraging the children to do some animal noises and signs.

Parent Link – Please can we ask for some family photos for our new display board and don't forget to come to nursery dressed up for Halloween.

Seaside:

This month we will be focusing on and doing activities based around animals, we will be introducing lots of new and different animals to the children including; animals found on a farm, found in a zoo, found in the arctic and animals that live in the sea.

On our animal discovery day the children will be given the opportunity to see real life animals and they will be encouraged to identify them correctly and see if they know their animal noises along with the animal signs.

We will also be celebrating Halloween by taking part in lots of different messy activities such as; exploring the insides of a pumpkin, coloured rice and coloured pasta play as well as this, we will be making cats, bats and witches hats.

Parent link – Can you provide us with pictures of the children with their pets or visiting animals at the farm/zoo. Please don't forget to come to nursery dressed up for Halloween!

Meadow:

This month we will be looking at a new book which is closely linked with Halloween, "The room on the Broom." The children will be taking part in lots of spooky, creative activities making various props to use in role play such as; broomsticks and witches hats. They will also be taking part in lots of other Halloween based activities including, making spider biscuits and exploring pumpkins. We will continue to support our gross motor skills by moving our bodies to music and particularly dancing to "The Monster Mash" as they seem to like this song. As well as this, we will also be doing some activities based around the autumn season and making different crafts for our autumn display board.

Parent link – Can you read Room on the Broom at home? Can you go on an autumn walk and collect some autumn objects for nursery such as, conkers, pine cones and crunchy leaves.

Pre School:

This month

Parent link –

Gentle Reminders

As the **weather is now changing** can we please ask that you include **a coat and wellington boots** in their bags 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

Tuesday 11th October - Animal Discovery Day

In the morning we will be looking at and talking to the children about different animals, where they live, what they eat and how to care and look after them. They will all participate in various creative activities to do with animal such as, making masks and looking at stories/songs about

animals. In the afternoon we will have a visit from a variety of different animals. Each age group will have a session with the animals where they will interact with them, learn about them and will have the opportunity to touch and hold them

Nursery Photos- Monday 17th October

All children attending the nursery will be having the nursery photo taken from 9.30 am. If your child does not usually attend the nursery on a Monday, please arrive between 12:00 and 1.00 pm to have this taken. Parents arriving with their children after 1.00 pm may be required to wait for a substantial period of time. Please visit the website below for further information.

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Friday 28th October – Nursery Training Day

The nursery will be closed for a staff training day therefore, alternative childcare will need to be arranged. Please note that you are NOT charged for this day and this has already been taken into account when calculating your fees.

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

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 and paint, Rangoli pictures using different coloured sand 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.

Wednesday 1st 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).

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

Kind Regards

Kirsty, Janine and Team.