



## Newsletter November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a big thank you to “The Zoo Lab” who came into the setting and supported our Reptile day. The children really enjoyed meeting all the reptiles, holding them and learning about them so we look forward to arranging this again next year.

As you are aware our parking permits have changed so if you haven't picked up one from the main reception already please do so and discard the **blue** permits, as these are now **invalid**.

You should have all now received your **photo proof cards** from the photos the children had taken by CAAMKIDS photography at nursery. If you wish to purchase photos you can do so online or by completing the envelope and returning it to us **BEFORE the 8<sup>th</sup> November** and you will then receive free delivery of photos to the nursery. If you have not yet received your proofs please speak to a member of staff in your child's room.

I am pleased to inform you that we have now recruited three new full time members of staff. **Robyn** has joined the team in **Meadow**, **Emily** has joined the team in **Seaside** and **Anna** will be working across **Pre-School and Farmyard** until January.

We are now in full swing for **Christmas**. The gifts are being started this week and **tickets** for our exciting Christmas fete are **now ON SALE**. As part of the fete we will be having a raffle and kindly ask parents if you work for any companies who may be generous enough to donate us a prize if you could let Janine or Lorraine know and we can provide you with a letter requesting this.

Along with this, we are in need of a very **special volunteer for our Christmas Fete and our Christmas party (Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00-4.00)** to act as Father Christmas- if there are any Dads, Grandads or Uncles who would be willing to volunteer their time on either of these dates we would be very grateful!!

We would like to thank those of you who continue to help build the nursery and our reputation through recommending a friend! We are becoming extremely busy and continue to have a waiting list in our Meadow room and Safari room, please continue to spread our name and you may be entitled to our **“Recommend a Friend” discount and receive a huge saving of 25% off one month's fees!**

## **Dates for your Diaries**

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Diwali**

The children will be celebrating the Diwali festival by making Diwali cards and lanterns and some of the older children will be creating some tea light holders to take home. The children will also be exploring lentils and pulses through play to create pictures.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening**

We will be holding parents evening for you to attend and have a ten minute consultation with your child's key worker. This is a time for you to look at the learning journal and ask any questions you may have about their development and time spent at nursery. Booking times are now available therefore, please speak to your child's key worker to book a time slot that suits you both. If for any reason you are unaware of who your child's key worker is please refer to the Parents information board outside your child's room or do not hesitate to speak to either Janine or Lorraine who will find out for you immediately.

Please note the nursery will close promptly at 6pm to ensure staff have sufficient time to have a break and doors will not re-open until the first appointment time of 6:30pm.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need**

Children and staff are encouraged to wear their spots for Pudsey Bears Children in Need Day! Throughout the morning children will bake cakes and biscuits that will go on sale for parents to purchase in the afternoon. The children will also go on a squirrel treasure hunt in the garden and will all get a Pudsey sticker when they find a cut out squirrel. All donations are gratefully received and ALL will go to Children In Need.

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Pyjama Day**

Children and staff are asked to come to nursery dressed in pyjamas and to donate a bottle for us to use as part of our bottle tombola. Bottles accepted must be sealed and in date and can vary from bubble bath, fizz, alcohol or condiments. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10:00-1:00pm– Christmas Fete**

The Christmas fete is a lovely event for all the family, there will be various stalls and activities to take part in including, finding the golden carrot, face painting and a bottle tombola (for the adults) as well as an exciting Santa's grotto and of course a raffle.

Tickets for our Christmas fete are now on sale so if you would like to attend please purchase your tickets from a member of the senior team. We do ticket sales so that we are aware of numbers for the day and can ensure we have enough presents/prizes for all who wish to come. Any money raised from this event will be put towards new resources for the children.

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Pre-school Nativity**

Further information regarding the nativity will be sent out shortly however, please make note of the dates if your children attend either Arctic or Safari.

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas Dinner and Party

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 will each receive a present to take home. The afternoon will be packed with fun games, arts and crafts and will begin from 2:00 pm.

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 Janine or Lorraine as soon as possible.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD FOR REMINDERS**



### **Did you know?**

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on teaching your children “The underwear Rule”:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Below is a link for parents to use for the Nation Parent Support Service.

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/parent-support/>

## **A Note from Each Room**

### **Farmyard:**

This month in Farmyard we will be joining in with the different celebrations. We will be exploring lots of coloured messy play to join in with the festivals of light and will also explore pulses and lentils for Diwali.

We are also going to be encouraging the children to imitate simple actions and copy actions they have observed. We will do this through action rhymes and also in the role play corner using the

dollies, mobile phones and hats. We would appreciate it if parents could provide us with some family photos for the children to look at when in the role play area to further support their play.

Parent link: Can you sing some action rhymes such as, Wind the Bobbin Up and encourage them to do the actions? This is a great skill for them to develop and will support them with their social skills, physical development and early literacy.

### **Seaside:**

This month in Seaside we will be doing lots of creative activities exploring with colours for the festivals of light and using different materials to make rockets for fireworks night. We will also be doing lots of physical play focusing on developing the children's gross motor movements such as, moving to music, action rhymes, climbing up steps independently to the slide and also crawling and manoeuvring through tunnels/boxes.

Parent Link: Can you take a trip to the park to play on the play equipment and develop the children's Gross Motor movements.

### **Meadow:**

This month in Meadow, we are going to be exploring colours to celebrate all of the different festivals of light such as; Diwali and Firework night. The children will be exploring different colours and seeing how they change when mixed together. We will also be doing some creative activities to support what we learn about our book of the month,

Our book of the month is: The Stick Man

Our song of the month is Tiny Turtle

Parent link: Can you provide us with photos if you celebrate any festivals this month to use as a talking point in circle time.

### **Arctic:**

This month we will be taking part in activities about firework night such as creating a campfire and discussing fire safety and making breadstick sparklers.

Diwali- we will be creating salt dough candle holders and paper lanterns.

We are also going to be making cakes for children in need for the cake sale and discussing how we can help people in the community.

The children have been really interested in small world activities surrounding forests and woodlands so our book this month will be the Gruffalo and the children will be taking part in themed activities such as making their own Gruffalo crumble, going on a walk to move as the different animals etc.

Parent link:

In recent weeks the children have been learning a new song to say hello to all of the children around the world in different languages. Many of the children have picked up on the words and may be signing at home- the song can be found on YouTube so please have a listen at home and join in if you can!

If you go on walks over the weekends can you have a look out for any animals and natural objects you see, are any the same as the book?

### **Safari:**

This month we will be looking at emotions through a variety of activities i.e emotional stones, flashcards and group discussions.

We will continue to look at numbers 1-10 and 10-20 so children can begin to identify them by looking.

We will be encouraging Safari to look at the sounds of each letter from the alphabet.

Please remember to provide winter coats and welly boots now the weather is beginning to get colder. As we still continue to explore our outdoor area as well as indoors. If you can also provide a water bottle for your child to have at nursery, thank you

Book of the month: Sometimes I feel Sunny.

Song of the month: If You're Happy and You Know it

Parent Link: We would really like to encourage the children to develop their understanding of feelings and emotions. If you could talk about how they feel and why they feel that way, ensuring if you tell them you're happy or you are sad that you tell them why.

### **Gentle Reminders**

Unfortunately it is now time we start preparing for the **cold weather** therefore, we ask ALL parents to ensure that you provide a warm coat/waterproof jacket for your child to use whilst at nursery along with some wellington boots to ensure that they can get the benefits of being outdoors in all weathers. We also kindly ask that they have **appropriate clothing** to change into (long sleeved tops, vests and jumpers)

We would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and all children, parents, careers 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 will 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.**

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

Kind Regards

Janine, Lorraine and Team.