



Newsletter September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the term time only children & parents – we hope you have had a lovely summer break!

I would like to wish **Maria Bruno** a huge **congratulations** on the completion of her **Level 3** qualification. Maria is now working in Arctic alongside Amy and Sarah.

We would like to kindly ask parents if they have any old **handbags** or **unwanted mobile phones, or keys** if they could **donate** them to the nursery. We have recently carried out an audit on our role play areas and would like to replace some of ours as they are so well used by the children.

Apologies for mentioning **Christmas** when we are not yet in autumn however, as Christmas is a busy time for us as a nursery it is vital we get organised!

Firstly, we are now in the process of organising our **Christmas Fete** which will be held on **Saturday 1st December 10:00-1:00pm**. The Christmas fete is usually a lovely event for all children and parents. Stalls will include: 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 will not go on sale until the middle of October but please **save the date**, any money raised from this event will be put towards new resources for the children.

We also kindly ask that if any parents work for any companies whom would be kind enough to **donate us a raffle prize** if you could let us know so that we can provide you with a letter to ask for this donation, we would greatly appreciate this.

In addition to this, as many of you have been asking I can confirm our **Christmas closure dates**; we will be closing at **2pm on Christmas Eve** and will **re-open again on Tuesday 2nd January**. Please note this is already taken into account when calculating your fees.

Lastly, I can also confirm that we will be doing our popular **Christmas gifts** again this year. This is something we do every year for parents and it always proves a great success. Order forms will be released at the end of this month so please keep an eye out for these.

We would greatly appreciate it if parents in both **Arctic and Safari** could provide children with a **drinking water bottle** which can be labelled and kept at nursery. We would also appreciate it if parents could provide some **welling boots** to keep at nursery. As the weather is going to be changing and becoming more wet we would still like the children to play and explore in our mud kitchen however we would rather they are encouraged to wear welly boots rather than ruining their indoor shoes.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 10th September – Road Safety Day

The children are encouraged to bring their bike, scooter or walker to nursery with them for the day along with their helmets. They will take part in various activities in the garden to learn the importance of road safety and will be using the road equipment to role play some scenarios such as, how to use a zebra crossing and other ways of crossing roads. The children will also make various arts and crafts to use in their role play such as traffic lights which they can then take home and share with their families.

Wednesday 19th September – Pirate Day

We will be having a pirate themed day at nursery whereby all of the children and staff are encouraged to dress up as a pirate! They will take place in various fun pirate activities such as, making treasure maps, going on a treasure hunt, role play, putting messages in bottles, making ships to use in water play, making telescopes and pirate hats. In the afternoon Safari children will also have a visit from a pirate who will do a performance/magic show for them.

Friday 28th September - Harvest Festival

Please help us by donating fruit, vegetables, packets, jars, tins bread and cakes. We will be encouraging the children to take part in various activities such as making bread, fruit printing and looking at the role that farmers play in the Harvest Festival. We will also be taking the children and all of the food we have collected to Hatfield Care Home and will sing the elderly people a few songs.

Monday 29th 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.

Wednesday 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 Lorraine know if you will be bringing them in order for us to ensure everyone is catered for.

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD FOR REMINDERS



Did you know?

Please visit the link below for some advice about paracetamol for children

<https://beta.nhs.uk/medicines/paracetamol-for-children/>

Please follow the link below, for further information about the BCG vaccination.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/735669/TB_BCG_and_your-baby_leaflet_Aug_.pdf

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

In Farmyard this month we will be doing lots of exploring and creating lots of lovely artwork using a variety of materials. In support of road safety day we will be using vehicles of all different shapes and sizes to mark make with colourful paint. The children will also listen to the sounds of what the vehicles make.

We also have a “Pirate Day” at nursery. Staff and children will be wearing fancy dress, so to be sure to come in to nursery in your best pirate outfit!!!!

To celebrate Harvest Festival we will be exploring the children’s senses such as, texture, taste and smell using different kinds of foods to create art work.

Song of the month: Down at the station

Parent Link: Can you do some simple vehicle sounds with the children when out in the local environment e.g. beep beep, choo choo, toot toot.

Making sounds can really support children’s early speech and language development.

Seaside:

In Seaside this month we are doing “Road safety day” the children will be painting using red, orange and green coloured paint for our ready, steady, go and stop signs.

For the start of autumn the children will be exploring leaf printing, going on autumn walks to collect some natural objects which we will then play with in our Heuristic play.

We are also going to be working on the children’s knowledge of their body parts, we will encourage this through the use of songs and finger play games.

Our Song of the month is: Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes.

Parent link: Can you sing “Head Shoulders, Knees and Toes at home and encourage them to find their different body parts as you sing.

Meadow:

This month we look forward to taking part in our Pirate day, we will be hunting for gold coins in the sand pit and going on a treasure hunt. We are also going to be working on developing our fine motor skills exploring our new lock boards, looking at the nuts and bolts and working on our

threading skills.

Our book of the month is: “The Gruffalo” **Our song of the month is** “Mr Peter Rabbit”, which will link to the Harvest Festival activities we will do at the end of the month.

Parent Link: Can you encourage your child to do up their own zips with help and begin to take off loose clothing. This supports their fine motor development.

Arctic:

This month we will be doing activities based around the topic, “All about Me”. The children will be encouraged to look at photos and talk about their home life and their families, we will be talking about different family make ups and backgrounds and the similarities and differences between us and our peers.

We kindly ask that parents bring in family/ home photos to support this topic and we would also like to show the children pictures of themselves as a baby to discuss how we change and grow.

Our book of the month is: “The Bump” and **our song of the month is** “Rock a Bye Baby”

Parent Link: Can you talk about your family and extended families, making the children aware of different names of family members such as, aunty, uncle, great aunty/uncle, cousins etc.

Safari:

This month we will be beginning to look at supporting the children to identify their names using name cards and how to form the letters in our names. We will be introducing a self-registration to encourage the children on a daily basis to find their names and sound out the first letter of their name. We will also be doing some simple number activities looking at number 1-15 in various ways such as counting, threading and construction.

Our book of the month and song of the month will introduce some simple rhyming for the children, **Our book of the month is** “Oi Frog” and **our song of the month is** “Boa Constrictor”

Parent link: Can you look at identifying your child’s first initial of their name and introduce the phonetic sounds for this. They can then start to practice forming this letter – It is better to work on one letter at a time.

Gentle Reminders

In line with the **General Data Protection Regulations** all parents should have received **new permission forms to sign**. I kindly ask that you **fill these out and return them to us as soon as possible** – If you require an additional form please let Janine or Lorraine know.

We are pleased that we now have some **warm weather** however, whilst it is nice and enables us to be outside a lot more we fully understand the dangers the heat can have on the children. Therefore, we ask ALL parents to ensure that you provide a sunhat for your child to use whilst at nursery and ensure they have **appropriate clothing** to change into (short sleeved tops, vests, shorts) We have noticed that the children in the pre-school rooms have been drinking much better when given water bottles therefore, we would kindly ask if parents in Arctic and Safari can provide a small water bottle for your child to be kept at nursery.

All children between the ages of 2 – 3 years old must have a two year development check carried out by the nursery and also by their Health Visitor. This is an opportunity for us to **review the children's progress and write a summary of their development** in accordance to the three prime areas of development. Where possible, the progress check and the Healthy Child Programme health and development review at age two (when health visitors gather information on a child's health and development) should inform each other and support integrated working, allowing **both health and educational professionals together to identify the child's strengths and weaknesses**. Therefore it is important that parents **inform their child's keyworker when the child will be having his/her two year review with the Health visitor** to allow us enough time to complete our two year check and for you to take it along with you.

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 and Team.