



Newsletter October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately we are starting to enter the colder months now we are in **Autumn**, please could we kindly ask parents to ensure you provide **suitable outdoor clothing**. We understand the importance of the outdoor environment and how this has a positive impact on children's health and development so we like to take them outdoors in all weathers. Please ensure they have a **coat/rain jacket that is warm enough and wellie boots**.

We would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and 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. This also applies to children who attend half sessions and are collected after 1pm or those brought in before 1pm.

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 have to charge late fees.

Furthermore, we would like to remind parents that if you are unable to collect your child from nursery and arrange for somebody to collect them you **MUST** inform us prior to them collecting including, the person's name, a password you have given them and e-mail us a photo of them.

This is for your child's security and for us to ensure they are safe.

If we have not been informed that somebody different will be collecting we will not allow them to take them home.

Please note the training days for 2022 have now been booked in, therefore the nursery will be **CLOSED** on the dates below and alternative childcare will need to be sought.

Friday 18th February 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Wednesday 26th October 2022

Our last training for 2021 will be on Wednesday 27th October.

Dates for your Diaries:

Parents Evening - October 2021

We will be holding parents evening for you to have a ten minute consultation with your child's

key worker. This is a time for you to discuss your child's development and what we are working on with them to close any gaps in their development. We will also be able to answer any questions you have around the new EYFS and Tapestry.

If you have not yet booked an appointment with your child's key worker please do so, the dates for parents evening are;

[Wednesday 13th October for Meadow & Safari](#)

[Monday 18th October for Under Two's and Arctic.](#)

Please note we will try our best to keep appointments to schedule to avoid crowding so please arrive on time.

Wednesday 20th October – Nursery Photo Day

[Caamkids](#) will be returning to the nursery again this year to take professional photos of the children for you to purchase in time for Christmas.

If you wish to provide your child with a particular outfit for their photo please ensure you let the staff know within the room and label the outfit clearly with your child's name.

If your child does not attend the nursery but you would like to bring them in to have their photo taken please let Janine know and she will provide you with a time slot.

Friday 29th October – Halloween

We will provide the children the opportunity to take part in some Halloween themed activities throughout the day such as, carving and exploring the inside mush of pumpkins, making and exploring green gloop and creating magic potions. Along with, carrying out various arts and crafts, the children will have a party tea and are welcomed to dress up if they wish to.

Wednesday 27th October 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.

Thursday 16th December – Christmas Dinner, party and raffle.

To celebrate the festive season we will be having a Christmas party day which will include, party games, lots of creative activities and dressing up. We will have a Christmas dinner for lunch and in the afternoon there will be a visit from Santa himself and each child will receive a gift.

In addition to this we will be holding a Christmas raffle which will be drawn on this date.

The purpose of the Christmas raffle is to fundraise for the nursery and we will also be giving 30% of whatever we raise to the charity FOP Friends who are trying to find a cure for this heart-breaking disease.

If any parents know anybody who would be able to kindly donate us some raffle prizes we would greatly appreciate this. Tickets will go on sale on Friday 19th November.

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD FOR REMINDERS AS WELL AS OUR EVENTS LIST ON OUR WEBSITE



Did you know?

Please follow the link for some information on safe sleeping tips;

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/caring-for-a-newborn/reduce-the-risk-of-sudden-infant-death-syndrome/>

Please use the link below for an easy to read/parent friendly What to expect in the EYFS.

This document has been created to enable parents to understand the changes to the curriculum.

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What have we been doing at nursery?

Below are some pictures of some of the activities we have been doing this month – we try to upload weekly onto our social media pages so if you would like to see more of what we are doing please make sure you are following us!

Farmyard



Exploring “Treasure” in the sand, we have been exploring different treasure basket items in the sand and of course reading the “Ten Little Pirates” to develop those early literacy skills.



More sensory play with different textures of sand and shredded paper, whilst looking at fish, listening to stories and introducing some number names.



Dear Zoo, exploring the characters from, the book and reading with props to make the story fun and interactive and gain the babies attention.

Seaside



Developing fine motor skills and co-ordination, encouraging the children to move the string and create space to retrieve the hidden animals and autumn objects.



Developing fine motor skills, completing a simple inset puzzle. Introducing mathematical language such as big, small and counting the number of elephants.



Small World playing with the Zoo, talking about the different animals and the noises they make and developing their imaginative play.

Meadow



Making our own hedgehogs using playdough and various different resources to represent their spikes. This activity encouraged them to develop their fine motor skills and use objects to represent other things. We also spoke about hibernation.

Were Going On a Bear Hunt! An interactive Tuff Spot to enable the children to play and explore different media whilst recalling on of our favourite stories.



We would like to say a big Well done to all of our children who have been toilet training and using the potties. This is a difficult skill and every child approaches this challenge at different ages so well done! If you think your child is ready to start toilet training then please speak to their key worker who can give you some tips!

Arctic



The children have been really interested in “Little Rabbit Foo Foo.” And we have created a display board incorporating all the animals and recalling what happens in the story. The children have also really enjoyed exploring the voice recorders and developing their ICT skills.



This Apple activity involved lots of mathematical skills, exploring and recognising numerals 1 to 5, counting by rote and matching the numeral and quantity by correctly putting in the number of pom poms to match the number on the apple. We also encouraged the children to match the colours correctly looking at red and green.



We have been talking “All About Me” what our names are, how old we are, what we like and what we dislike and what our family make up is.

Safari



We have been looking at and talking about patterns using a variety of different resources including the coloured peg boards. We started with simple patterns using only 2 objects/colours.



We have been practicing creating shapes using different loose parts and autumn objects to copy the shapes and letters in the pictures provided. The children have really enjoyed doing this.



We will be looking at autumn objects you find on your nature walks at home, please don't forget to fill the bags given to you and return them to nursery.

Please also don't forget to send in your family photos so the children can create their new family photo books!

Gentle Reminders

Parents are only permitted to park in the car parking bays identified as “**Nursery Set Down Parking**”. These car park spaces should be used by parents for dropping off and collecting children from the nursery ONLY and **a valid parent parking permit** should be displayed at all times.

Under no circumstance should a parent let anyone into the building or leave the door open for them. Simply **ask them to enter the codes themselves** or to wait outside, while you inform a member of staff. Parents allowing people into the building is a breach of our safeguarding, security, and health and safety policy and therefore, we ask for your full co-operation with this. Whilst we appreciate this can put parents in an awkward situation, **the safety and well-being of the children is of paramount importance to us** and we cannot stress how important it is that you strictly follow our policy.

A reminder that the nursery has a strict **NO NUT** policy and we ask parents that children do not enter the nursery with any food items to help us ensure we can adhere to this policy at all times. We also kindly ask parents to keep this in mind when giving children breakfast/meals at home before coming to nursery as we do have some children with severe nut allergies. Furthermore children should **under NO circumstances bring in any food in their bags, all food consumed on the premises by children will be cooked and prepared freshly on site in our kitchen.**

Please can all parents ensure that you **inform the setting if your child will not be attending** due to sickness; whilst it is not compulsory for them to attend, as it is private day care, we do have a duty of care to record their absences and it also really helps us with catering for the children and staff ratios.

Please don't forget to check our Instagram and Facebook pages for updates on activities and new resources

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

Kind Regards

Janine, Kirsty and Team.