

28th September, 2014

Dear parents / careers,

I would like to welcome you to the new term ahead, all the staff would like to wish all the children well in moving into school, as well as welcoming some new children into the nursery.

Children will be covering the following subjects this term, as there are several festivals and celebrations coming up this autumn:

Halloween:

- ❖ Dress-up day (more information to follow)
- ❖ Sensory play with pumpkins as well as listening to stories such as 'Room on the broom'.
- ❖ Hide-and-seek cats and spiders outdoors.
- ❖ Sensory play with cornflour, gel, playdough and bugs
- ❖ Water play with ice ghosts
- ❖ Discovery Halloween table
- ❖ Eye spy in a jar - encouraging children to talk about items which they can see.
- ❖ Dancing with ribbons to create fireworks.

Diwali:

- ❖ Creating light pictures and Diva pots.
- ❖ Sensory play with coloured rice.
- ❖ Children will also have the opportunity to take part in a food tasting session.
- ❖ In the role-play area the nursery will be creating a sweet shop.
- ❖ Rangoli patterns with sand.
- ❖ Developing fine motor skills with pompoms and tongs.
- ❖ Dancing to Indian music, with ribbons.

Hanukkah

- ❖ Potato printing the star of David.
- ❖ Dreidel sorting.
- ❖ Outdoor play creating large candelabras.
- ❖ Group time talking about families,

Fireworks

- ❖ The preschool children will be talking about fire safety during this week.
- ❖ Making light pictures and baking firelight biscuits.
- ❖ Moving like fireworks to music.
- ❖ Creating large firework marks on paper with sensory balls.
- ❖ Straw painting to create fire works on black paper
- ❖ Making rockets.

Christmas

The children will be taking part in a nativity play this year (more information to follow).

Children will take part in the following activities leading up to Christmas:

- ❖ Turkey feather hunt game.
- ❖ Christmas sensory tray.
- ❖ Interactive advent calendar to count down to Christmas.
- ❖ The Pre-School children will take part in group discussions to talk about what they do at this special time of the year.
- ❖ The children will also create a large Christmas tree made from paper plates.
- ❖ At story time children will be listening to a selection of Christmas stories
- ❖ Learning new songs for our Christmas performance. (Song sheets will be issued to the parents).
- ❖ Sensory Christmas bottles and discovery tables.

Below are some 'Housekeeping' matters that I would like to draw your attention to:

Dropping off and Collection

Our staffing rotas are built around the requested start and finish times of the children. We ensure that at all time we have enough staff to care for the children in our nursery. We therefore request that your child is not dropped off any earlier than the agreed time. Even dropping off your child ten minutes early would put us out of ratio and cause us to be in a situation where the wellbeing of the children is compromised. It is not pleasant for staff to turn parents away if they arrive early and can cause offense, therefore we ask that you adhere to the requested times. If you find the time you have requested for your child to attend is not allowing you enough time to get to work, etc. please call the office and we will arrange an earlier time with you and create our staffing rotas accordingly.

Also, for the same reason, please ensure that your child is collected on time. Parents will occur a charge if they do not pick their child up on time as we will not be able to allow staff to leave at the end of their shifts if our ratios do not allow it. Also, please ensure that you call the nursery if you are going to be late in order for us to arrange staff accordingly.

Outdoor clothing

Please may I remind parents to bring in appropriate outdoor wear, as well as named wellington boots; the weather is changing and the children will be going outside in all weather conditions. Please ensure that you bring in spare change of clothing for your child, in case of any accidents which may occur.

Medicine

If your child has a temperature while at nursery, parents will be contacted via telephone. We will administer Calpol, which must be supplied by the parents along with a consent form. We would ask if you can bring two sachets of Calpol - rather than a bottle due to storage.

Items needed

We are in need of the following items: cones, conkers, autumn leaves, kitchen rolls, egg boxes, milk bottles, empty milk bottle tops and corks.

Prams and buggies

We are currently carrying out renovation work within the school, nursery and grounds. This means that for the time being, space is of a premium. We apologise that we cannot look after buggies within the nursery rooms, however we do intend to create an outdoor pram and buggy shelter within the course of our renovations.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please let us know.

Many thanks ,

Lana Race
Nursery Manager