



Nursery Newsletter November 2018

Don't worry October isn't over yet! We were extra organised this month so sent it a little early!

Our second Nursery Newsletter! Our first few weeks are flying along, and we hope you have continued to enjoy your start with us. To those of you who will be receiving the Nursery Newsletter for the first time, we will be sending these via email monthly, just to keep you up to date and informed 😊

All rooms have been exploring the start of Autumn over the past couple of weeks. We have used Autumn to cover a range of activities all child led through their interests but extended by adults to get the most out of their learning 😊 Our Rising Stars have enjoyed dissecting sunflower heads, making Autumn pictures and collecting all things Autumnal! Tiny Turtles have loved looking at the creatures that have started to use our garden – they especially seem keen on the woodlice and spiders (even better when viewed through our bug magnifiers) 😊! Even our babies have been exploring the big outdoors with those crunchy leaves and have enjoyed making some Autumnal creations by exploring paint and textures!

We are looking forward to getting our Halloween activities under way this week, and can't wait to explore our Pumpkins, Halloween playdough and of course hunt for some more spiders! On Wednesday 31st we welcome all children to come dressed up for Halloween, spooky characters welcome, as well as another your child may like 😊

Next Steps: Your child's Key person has been busy updating your child's Learning Journals and getting their individual Next Steps planned for the remainder of Term. These will be shared with you and don't forget there are parental observation slips dotted around. If you see any achievements in the home environment we may not get to see at Nursery. Should you have any queries over your child's Next Steps please do not hesitate to ask your child's Key person. (If you have only just started with us, you won't receive one until your child has had time to settle in with us and we can get to know them 😊)

Nursery Questionnaires: If you haven't already, please pop back your Nursery Questionnaires. We have had many back already and are just awaiting the final few so we can feedback to you all 😊 We did want to say a huge thank you already to you for the lovely comments, rest assured the positive feedback will be shared with all staff and has really been lovely to see how well you feel the first few weeks have gone.

Children In Need: W/C 12th November 2018 is Children In need week. We will be holding a fund-raising day on Wednesday 14th November. Each room will have a donation box, as well as a main donation box in the front entrance. Please feel welcomed for your children to come in dressed up as anything they choose in return for your donations for this special Charity. We will also be holding a Bake sale on the Wednesday at pick up times, all freshly made by your very own children 😊 – again, please bring in your unwanted change in return for a yummy treat– all funds raised will go towards Children in need.

Important: Please can we remind parents, carers and anyone else who may drop off or collect your little one, that they MUST NOT let anyone else in the front door as they enter or leave, there are signs and I'm sure you have all read them, however for everyone's safety please ensure you know the rules. This is for the safety of all children, of course there is always staff on the ground floor to police this, however we would be extremely grateful if you could ensure everyone who enters the Nursery to collect your child ensures that the following rules are always followed:

1. Ensure the door is always closed when entering or leaving
2. Do not let anyone else in, even if you know them. Ensure the door is closed and allow the next person to buzz and be entered by staff.
3. Mobile phones are not permitted in Nursery so please do not take calls or answer messages when in Nursery, staff will ask you to put your phone away.

Dates for your Diary:

Christmas Shut Down dates: We will be closed w/c 24th December 2018 (inclusive of bank holidays).

Bank Holiday Closures: Tuesday 1st January 2019

Term Time Families only: The Last day of Autumn term is Wednesday 19th December 2018, the first day back in the new year is Thursday 3rd January 2019. If you would like more Term Dates going forward, please just look on WSCC website, we follow their term dates for your convenience 😊

Continued Reminders

Don't forget to **sign your child in and out of the register** daily 😊

Medication and food in bags: For safety reasons please ensure that your child's bag doesn't contain any medication or food products. This is to ensure all the children's safety and although extremely unlikely, we would not want some thing to be accessible that could harm a child (of course thinking of allergies too) 😊

Kindest Regards,

Natalie & The Friendly Fish Team

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