

October 2017

Thank you ...

Thank you to all parents for your support as we work together to settle your child into Nursery. We realise that the Induction process can pose difficulties for childcare and pick-ups, however we know that it gives the children the best possible opportunity to settle fully into Nursery life.

By the end of this month most of our children will be attending for their full session. The children have been busy making new friends, playing and being creative and we have been making the most of any dry weather we have had by playing outside as much as possible. It has been a lovely start to the new school year.

Theme -

Our theme for October is **'In the Woods'**

This month we are learning about animals that live in the woods, reading familiar stories like 'The Gruffalo', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'We're going on a Bear Hunt.' We will also learn about the changes going on in the woods because of Autumn, harvest time on the farm and will be playing in our farm shop. We have been providing a variety of fruit daily for snack and will be making fruit salad to encourage the children to taste a variety of fruits! In the sensory areas we are digging in compost for real vegetables and are busy learning colours and sorting fruit into groups of the same colour and type. We will be looking out for seasonal changes, like the darker evenings and changes in the weather. 'World of Owls' will visit to show us some nocturnal animals too! Please support your child's learning in this area by talking to him or her about these changes when you are out and about.

If you find anything related to 'Autumn' that we could add to our interest table, please send it in.

Stories – We will also be reading the Usbourne Farmyard Tales series of stories this month, as well as 'A squash and a squeeze', by Julia Donaldson, 'On the Farm' by Anna Milbourne and 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. Please look out for some of these stories when visiting the local Library with your child!

Colour –

This month we will be talking about Autumnal colours – **red, yellow, brown** and **orange** will be our focus colour, so please look out for **orange** objects in their environment and encourage them to bring something orange in from home for our colour table. Please ensure that all items are named – they will stay in Nursery until the end of the month when we will send them home again!

Parent / Teacher Meetings

We look forward to meeting with you all during the week beginning Monday 23rd October to discuss how your child has settled into Nursery and their progress to date. We will send home details of appointments available later this week. Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter to your child's teacher as soon as possible.



Parents' Information –

3 Plus Health Review

Thank you to all parents of pre-school children who returned the Ages and Stages Questionnaires. All parents who have returned questionnaires have been allocated a time to meet with a health visitor and will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns at this review meeting. These meetings will take place in Nursery School on Monday 2nd –Wednesday 4th October.

Big Bedtime Read



We are running a very special event for parents and children on the evening of **Thursday 26th October** in our Nursery. We will be inviting your child to come in their pyjamas and with their teddy, to listen to a bedtime story and have a snack in Nursery before bed. We are also inviting parents to stay during this time to give us a chance to tell you about the fabulous new story resources that we have bought for your child and will be providing for you and your child to share after half-term.

Jo Jingles



We are looking forward to our Jo Jingles Music and Movement sessions, once a month until the end of the year beginning on Wednesday 19th October.

Jo Jingles' music and movement programmes are designed with the Early Learning Goals in mind and help to develop:

- 🎵 Communication & Language
- 🎵 Listening Skills
- 🎵 Numeracy Skills
- 🎵 Physical Development
- 🎵 Creativity & Imagination
- 🎵 Memory
- 🎵 Personal Social & Emotional Development

Look out for photos and videos of our sessions on our facebook page.

Operation Christmas Child

We will be supporting the 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal again this year and are asking parents to fill a shoe box for a child who won't get a visit from Father Christmas. The Christmas boxes are available from your class teacher or the school office! Leaflets with information on how to pack the boxes are also available. Filled boxes will be collected from our Nursery on Thursday 1st November.

Holidays List - School Website

We have uploaded a Holidays list for this school year in the Documents section of our School Website in the 'School to Home' Correspondence folder.

Parents of the Yellow Class can also find Dinner Menus here.

Parent Volunteers

We would like to establish a group of willing parent volunteers who could help out at Nursery events and generally support the work of our Nursery School. If you would be interested in being part of a group like this, please speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs. Magill in our school office.



Pick Up Times

Please ensure that you arrive on time to pick up your child at the end of their session. We open the doors ten minutes before the end of the sessions to ease congestion. Late pick-ups can be distressing for your child and can cut down very precious planning and preparation time for Nursery staff. Thank you!

Change of Clothes

If you haven't done so already, please ensure that you send in a change of clothes for your child that can be used as necessary in Nursery. These items stay in your child's bag on their peg. Please remember to name all items and replace items that are used when incidents that require a change of clothes occur!

Change of Contact Details

Please remember to let us know if any of your contact details change, so that we can update our records in school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the MacMillan Coffee Morning. All of the children really enjoyed decorating..... and eating, their own bun. We will let you know how much money we have raised, after the final count. We still have some donations being sent into school. If you would still like to make a donation please leave it with Mrs. Magill or any of the Nursery staff.

Smartie Fundraiser

We would love to be able to purchase new electronic tablets for all the children to use in each of the classrooms. Unfortunately with continued budget cuts we have limited funds to do this. We plan to have a SMARTIE Fundraiser where every child will receive a packet of Smarties before half term and then with your help, return it to Nursery filled with 20p or £1 coins, depending on the generosity of family and friends. We would really appreciate your support !!

Important dates –

Tuesday 17th October – World of Owls Amazing Roadshow visit

Wednesday 18th October – Fruit and Vegetable Tasting

Thursday 19th October – Jo Jingles will visit each session

Thursday 26th October – Big Bedtime Read for parents and children, 6.30pm – 7.00pm.

Friday 27th October –Autumn Walk in the park 9.30 -11.30, this is for all classes and all children must be accompanied by an adult

Monday 30th October – Tuesday 31st October – Half Term Break

Wednesday 1st November – Filled shoeboxes will be collected from Nursery





Birthday Boys and Girls

Happy Birthday all of these special boys and girls who will be celebrating their birthday this month ...

Yellow Class –

Shayne McCaughern

Red Class –

Hannah Keenan

Blue Class –

Darcy Bradley

Esme Ferguson

Aidan McDonnell

Abigail Moon

**Many Thanks for your support,
Dionne Bishop - Acting Principal**

