



Newsletter – November 2019

There is a real chill to the air now, so we're in full winter mode. That means that we need to remind you to start bringing in some nice warm winter clothes, as we free-flow outside as much as we possibly can during the day.

Car Park

Please can we just be very careful in our car park during the darker mornings and evenings to be very cautious of children walking to and from cars, be considerate to other parents when they are also trying to drop-off and keep our speed along the drive to an absolute minimum. We really appreciate your co-operation on this.

Christmas is on its way...

We will have our usual Christmas Sing-along, Christmas party plus our own unique Teddy Bears Inn Christmas 'Lasagne Day', when Michelle spends the morning in the kitchen making all the children and staff her special lasagne.

Christmas Hours

Just a reminder that we will be closed on Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day and Thursday 26th December, Boxing Day. We will also be closed on Wednesday 1st January for New Years' Day.

There will be no early drop-offs w/c 23rd December and 30th December. However, if you desperately need it, please talk to Michelle.

Sickness

Just to remind parents that we do have exclusion periods for certain illnesses, which is extremely important to help us to stop the spread of infectious illnesses. We do have a small minority of children at the nursery who may not cope with catching some of these infectious illnesses, so please can we politely ask for everyone to be aware and considerate, thank you.

At the nursery, we do our best by using gloves, disinfectants and we've recently had an extra deep-clean. However, we do need your help by informing us as to exactly what illness your children have been off nursery with and to honour our various exclusion periods – please see the NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Children in Need – Friday 15th November

We will be joining in with this year's Children in Need fundraising again. If you would like to bring along any cakes to sell, please let us know. That would be fantastic, thank you. There will obviously be opportunities to buy a cake as well.

Outside play

Winter is now upon us, so just a reminder to send in (with name labels please) ...

- Thick winter coat
- Hat
- Gloves
- Scarf
- Outside Wellies/shoes
- Inside shoes or slippers

Spare clothes

Also, please can you just pop a bag with a spare outfit on their peg so we can change anyone who may get a little wet playing in the snow or rain.

Lost property

If you've lost any coats, etc, please look at our lost property in reception or ask!

News from the O3s

We have had a very busy few weeks of seasonal activities within this area. We've been pumpkin carving, drawing fireworks, making Diwali candle holders. We've also had some delicious pumpkin soup with the inside of all the pumpkins we've carved.

We've been very busy being fireworks, dancing with ribbons and jumping up and down when we pretend to create a big fireworks bang - or slowly being quiet on the ground and gradually rise like a Catherine Wheel.

Our pre-school core story has been the Tiger Who Came to Tea. The children absolutely love this story, and many children love to read along to it and fill-in, if we pause...

We hope you enjoyed our fireworks drawings – which many of our children did independently, once shown how to do it.

Zoolab visited the nursery and brought along a selection of their buddies, which included a spider, snake and some furry friends.

We've also been encouraging our younger children to become slightly more independent by washing their hands nicely, using the soap and just general well-being of putting on coats, etc.

News from the U3s

Some of our older U3s have been spending some time alongside the O3s to help them get used to being around our older children and in their outside area. This is so they can then learn a little more about the O3s routine and start to really enjoy the more active O3s free-flow play of inside and outside play.

With the younger U3s, we have been enjoying plenty of playing peek-a-boo and settling all our new younger children into the U3s rooms.

The children have also really enjoyed exploring all the treasures inside the treasure boxes.

Staff Update

Sarah Rowe has returned to the nursery, having worked here for over seven years. She will be working alongside Rebecca Beale, who has joined us as a level 3 senior practitioner in the pre-school room and Sophie Boothby, a level 2 who is close to completing level 3, childcare practitioner, has settled into working alongside Pauline with the U3s.

Bryn thanks everyone for all their kind messages. He's now returned to back to work and he's feeling a lot better. So, if you have any financial question, please do contact Bryn. Thank you again for all your patience.

As always, our door is always open.

Many thanks

Bryn and Michelle