

October 2016

## Harvest Festival

Well done to all the children and staff for doing a wonderful Harvest Festival to share with the parents. Thank you to everybody who attended. The children enjoyed sharing their special service with you. We would also like to thank everyone for their kind Harvest donations; these went to the local church to distribute them to worthwhile causes throughout the local area.



## Christmas Cards

Your child will bring a proof home of a design they have made that can be printed onto Christmas Cards and Christmas tags. You are more than welcome to purchase these cards, there is 12 Christmas cards and 12 envelopes in a pack. The first pack costs £5.50 and anymore packs cost £4.50. If you would like to order Christmas tags they are £2.50 for 16 tags. The deadline for the proof and money to be in the office deadline will be confirmed.



## Parents Evening

This term Parents' Evening for all age groups will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The evening will run from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. We hope you can come along to go through your child's learning journey and talk with your child's key worker. Appointments will start at 6pm and last for about 10 minutes. Please see Anne in the office to book an appointment.

## Outdoor Play in Winter

Children of all ages enjoy and benefit from playing outdoors in all except the most extreme weather. Daily outdoor play is healthy and burns energy. It gives children an opportunity for a change of environment, a balance in play and routine, large muscle activities (gross-motor



development). Even children who are mildly ill but active should go outside if the weather is not severe. Staff and children alike will feel refreshed when fresh air is part of the daily routine. Taking children outdoors daily, even in winter, can be a healthy part of their schedule, and is safe when clothing is appropriate. Now the weather is getting colder can you ensure that your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

### Tempest Photography

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October Tempest Photographers will be at the nursery from 9am till 1pm. You are welcome to bring your child/children along to have their photograph taken. If you would like your child to have their photograph taken please book a time slot in the office with Anne. Parents and siblings are welcome to have their photograph taken if you would like a family photograph taken. These would make ideal Christmas presents for friends and families.

### Halloween.

If your child attends nursery on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, they can dress up for Halloween. They can dress up as whatever they please, doesn't have to be spooky. We can't wait to see all your costumes. Throughout the day children will be engaging in a wide range of Halloween themed activities.

### Pumpkin Competition

Due to the amount of interest in last year's competition we are inviting parents and children to take part in this year's Halloween pumpkin competition. All children's pumpkins will be displayed down the driveway. All entries will receive a prize and certificate. Please can all entries for the competition be in no later than Friday 28<sup>h</sup> October. We can't wait to see all your pumpkins.



### Christmas Fair.

This year our Christmas fair will be held at our sister nursery Butterfly lodge Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 12:00pm until 14:30pm. We hope to see you all there. Santa Claus will be making a special appearance, a range of games and stalls, refreshments and much more. To help make the Christmas fair a huge success we are asking for help from our parents in donating a prize for the tombola, bottle and chocolate tombola and the raffle. Your help and support at these events is appreciated.

### Butterfly Lodge.

We are very proud of our sister nursery for gaining outstanding on their recent ofsted inspection. We continue to work with our sister nurseries to provide outstanding childcare.

### Dates to remember.

October 30<sup>th</sup> - Divali

October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween

November 5<sup>th</sup> - Bonfire Night

November 13<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Sunday

November 18<sup>th</sup> - Children in Need

November 16th - Parents Evening 18:00 - 20:00

December 9th - Pre School Nativity 14:30 St Mary's Church

December 10th - Christmas Fair 12:00 - 14:30

December 16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Jumper Day

December 23rd - Nursery closes at 18:00 for the Christmas Period

January 3rd 2017 - Nursery reopens at 08:00

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