



# Early Years Newsletter

## November 2017

**Our Themes for this half term are Autumn festivals, Colour and light and Christmas.**

**How can you help?**

### **Nursery**

We are encouraging the children in the unit to be polite and respectful to each other. You can help by role modelling to your child. Encourage them to reply when they are spoken to by both adults and children.

#### **Literacy:**

We are also developing the children's enjoyment of books, stories and rhymes. You can help by reading familiar stories before going to bed and singing nursery rhymes.

**Maths:** We are enjoying singing number rhymes and songs and we are using size language such as 'big' and 'little'. We are also practising our rote counting

### **How can you help? Reception**

All reception children will need to ensure book bags are returned so that homework can be sent home on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Each Friday letter sounds will be sent home that children are learning in phonics. You can practise these with your child but remember to keep it fun.

**Literacy-**We are learning our letter sounds and how to write them everyday. We are also working on listening and conversational skills. We are continuing with name writing and identifying sounds in simple words.

**Maths-**We are working on counting objects carefully, positional language and ordering objects by size/weight. Please ensure you continue to use vocabulary related to time and colour in general conversation.

As the weather is starting to get colder please send your child in a warm winter coat and if possible a hat, scarf and gloves. Please remember to name all removable items of clothing.

### **Upper site parents.**

Please note the internal door in the unit is not an access door to the rest of the school. Please use the external door only.

### **New Starters**

Mrs Kemp and Miss Watson will be home visiting our new Just 3 starters during November. If you have a child who turns 3 between 1st of September and the 31st of December 2017, they are entitled to 15 hours free child care a week. Please contact either site Lower site 231192 or Upper site 243977.



### **Dates for your diary**

The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 25th November at the Lower Site 11.00 till 1.00. Our Christmas concert will be on Wednesday 20th December (look out for times). Christmas lunch is on Thursday 21st December. Our Christmas party will be on Friday 22nd

### **Staffing update**

#### **Lower Site**

Miss Johnson will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 1st December. We all wish her lots of luck and hope she can enjoy a short rest before her baby arrives mid December.

#### **Upper Site**

Mrs Kemp will be absent from school from the Friday 24th November until February. Miss Watson who currently works in the unit will be taking over Mrs Kemp's role. Miss Lister will be starting at the beginning of December as a support assistant.

### **Changes to address**

Please inform staff of any changes you have to make to your address or telephone contacts. It is very important that these are kept up to date.