



Newsletter Newsletter



November 2017

Teaching and Learning

Welcome back to a new half term where we will be continue to settle children in so that they feel happy, secure and confident in their environment. We will work around areas that encourage children's curiosity and desire to know 'how the world works' as well as following children's own particular interests. We will explain to you what we are doing and how this supports your child's learning - please see the planning displayed outside each classroom. Feel free to ask members of staff about how the experiences and activities on offer support children's growing independence and develop particular skills such as speaking and listening, cooperative play and building and maintaining relationships. Staff work in partnership with children, skillfully and sensitively interacting to support and develop their learning. We also plan 'adult focused' activities for small groups and individuals to support particular learning outcomes which provide a focus for both adult planned activities and for enhancements to our continuous provision. Children have access to both indoor and outdoor areas, and can move freely between classrooms. Don't forget to take home your copy of the rhyme of the week to share and enjoy.

The temperature in the classrooms can be variable in winter, particularly as we have free flow access to outside. Please ensure that your child is wearing warm clothes. Gloves and hats for outdoors are essential - please ensure that they are labelled with your child's name. We find that the old fashioned gloves on elastic are best for keeping a pair together!

This half term we are starting a new idea for whole class group times. Children will remain in their Nursery room at 11, and Ian, Julie and Jan will work with different groups on rotation. Their three areas of the curriculum are Ian (music), Julie (phonics) and Jan (maths). If the sessions work well we have plans to introduce other areas of interest to continually extend and challenge children's knowledge and understanding.

We also have a 'core story' for the half term which is Stick Man - if you would like to make your own book, please pick up a kit at Reception.

Parent/carer consultations

We are pleased to be able to offer consultations for September starters on Monday 20th and Monday 27th November 2017. Notices will be displayed outside each classroom, please mark your name against a time slot. This is a valuable opportunity to share your child's Record of Achievement and have time to talk to their teacher. If you are unable to attend any of the times, please speak with the class teacher who will attempt to offer an alternative appointment. Thank you

The winner of the name the heron competition is **JEANIE HUDSON** - well done Jeanie who successfully named the heron Seren!

We have now refurbished and re-opened our wonderful wilderness garden that runs down the side of the Nursery School. On certain days, this special secluded area will be our outdoor provision. This offers valuable opportunities from children to learn through the natural environment.

We are collecting any unwanted items to donate to a school in Kenya for those children who are less fortunate than ours. If you have any pens, pencils, paper, rulers or books that you would be happy to donate, please leave them at Reception and these will be sent to the school in January.

If we have any parents / grandparents / aunties / uncles who would be willing to come and talk with children about their religious celebrations (Eid, Hanukkah, Diwali) please speak to the class teacher. This would be a fabulous experience for children to learn more about the wider world.

Thank you for all the wonderful donations of environmental print - please take a look at our fantastic new display in the corridor between Nurseries 2 and 3.

Governor Vacancy - we still have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in this rewarding and valuable role, please speak to Jayne. Alternatively, if you would like to attend our next Governors meeting on Wednesday 22nd November at 8pm as an observer, please let us know.

Don't forget to renew your 30 hour code for January 2018

Volunteers required



Could you spare a couple of hours to help wrap the books that the children receive from Father Christmas? We supply the wrapping paper, selotape, tea/coffee and biscuits. Please let Reception know if you can help. Many thanks from Father Christmas

Dates to remember



Wednesday 15th November

We will be holding a cake sale and all donations will be greatly received.

Friday 17th November - come to school with your favourite teddy bear and wear spots.

Please help to make this a successful event and raise lots of money for Children in Need.

Christmas parties for Nursery School



Tuesday 12th December Monday to Wednesday children and **Thursday 14th December** for Wednesday to Friday children. Signs will go up outside each classroom with details nearer the event asking for your support with catering. Thank you

Wednesday 13th December ~ Christmas Fayre

From 1 to 3pm we will be holding a Christmas Fayre. Stalls will be available to rent for £10 if you are interested. We will have a bran tub, tombola and raffle (donations welcomed please). We hope to have Santa's Grotto and tea, coffee, Christmas cake and mince pies will be available in the Gallery.

Also on Wednesday 13th December children will be encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper as part of ITV text Santa appeal that suggests £1 donation per child to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer and Make-A-Wish.



We close for Christmas on **Friday 15th December**

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and our best wishes for a happy new year.

Tuesday 2nd January ~ training day
Wednesday 3rd January ~ home visits

School reopens for returning children on Thursday 4th January 2018

