



Wrens' Newsletter

November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe we are already into the second half term of the school year, it is certainly true what they say that time flies when you are having fun! The children have all settled back so well into nursery life and came back after the half term confident, happy and eager to learn. We are looking forward to the run up to Christmas and have lots of fun and exciting things planned.



Family Nursery Rhyme Challenge

Over the next few weeks in nursery we will be focusing on nursery rhymes and books with rhyming text. On Friday 24th November we will be doing a sponsored nursery rhyme challenge and would like all children to come dressed as a nursery rhyme character. We are inviting all parents to come and join us in nursery at 9:15am for our family nursery rhyme challenge. We are going to be sending home sponsor forms and we would be really grateful if you could sponsor your child to join in singing as many nursery rhymes as they can in 15 minutes. We would like to raise some money to buy some new fiction and non-fiction books and some puppets and story props for us to make some story sacks to use in nursery. Nursery rhymes are an important part of our Early Years Curriculum and we find time everyday to sing songs and rhymes with the children. Singing rhymes daily helps to support the development of the children's early reading skills. We hope you will support our nursery rhyme challenge and we look forward to you joining us on Friday 24th November at 9:15am (remember to bring your singing voices with you!)



Snack Time

In addition to the fruit that we provide the children with on a daily basis, we would like to start introducing some new snacks to the children at snack time. We have spoken to the children about what they would like and they have made the following suggestions which we are looking forward to trying - cream crackers, cheese savouries, biscuits, bread sticks, Wheaties, Cheerios and cheese and cucumber. In order for us to be able to provide the children with a range of snacks we are asking for a contribution of 50p each week to cover the cost of the snacks provided. We would like your snack contribution to be paid in full each half term for the number of weeks in that half term, we would be grateful if payments could be made via payments for school using your child's unique payment code. We will be starting our new snacks the week beginning Monday 20th November so this half term's snack payment will be £2.00.



Cold Weather

Now the cold weather is truly upon us and the possibility of snow is the topic of conversation could we please remind you to dress your child appropriately for the cold weather. We do go outside everyday so therefore your child requires a warm coat and we would strongly recommend you send your child with a warm hat and gloves. Please remember to name all items of clothing.



Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who made appointments and came to meet with us. It was lovely to see so many of you and to share your child's progress in nursery to date. If you were unable to make parents' evening and you would like to come in and speak to us, please speak to a member of staff and we will happily arrange an appointment to meet with you.



2Simple

Apologies for the delay in emailing observations to you of your child's learning in nursery. Our subscription for 2Simple expired and it took a little while to set it back up again. We are now all back up and running so you should start receiving observations shortly.



Class Dojo

We hope you have all received your letters to sign up and access our class dojo page. The children are really enjoying collecting dojo points for being helpful, kind, good listeners and trying their best. You will notice that the children can also receive a time to shine which gives them 3 dojo points. A time to shine means that your child has really impressed us at nursery. When a time to shine is given to a child their photograph is put up on our time to shine star in nursery and they get to choose a prize from the gold box and bring a certificate home.

'I Can'

It is lovely to see so many of the children's photographs up on our 'I can' board. Many of the children can now independently put on their own coat which is a great achievement. We are now going to start getting changed for PE so we look forward to putting up photographs and giving out certificates to those children who can dress and undress themselves. Please support us with this by encouraging your child to practise these skills at home.



Smart Trees Trip – Thursday 14th December

All the children in school except for nursery will be attending the Sleeping Beauty pantomime at the Swan theatre in Worcester. We decided that the pantomime may be a little long and frightening for some of our very young children. So Instead of going to the pantomime I have arranged for us to go on a trip to Smart Trees in Bishampton, Pershore, where we will take part in lots of fun activities.

Throughout the day we will be exploring the Christmas tree fields to locate the 12 days of Christmas boxes, going on a sleigh ride, meeting real reindeers, entering an indoor forest and meeting Santa and his elves. The cost of the trip will be approximately £13.00 and we will be asking for some parent helpers to accompany us on our trip. I will be sending out letters shortly with more information regarding our trip.



Early Years Christmas Performance

This year Wrens and Robins will be preforming 'Shine Star Shine'. We are in the process of allocating the children parts in the play and letters will be sent out soon regarding your child's costume for the play. Our Christmas performances will be on Monday 4th December at 9:30am and Wednesday 6th December at 6pm. For our later performance on the 6th we are requesting that the children come back to school at 5:30pm in order for us to get them ready. We appreciate that this might be late for some of our children and it is optional if you wish your child to take part in the evening performance. We would like as many of our nursery children as possible to take part in our Christmas performance, if you do not wish for your child to take part in our later performance could you please let a member of nursery staff know. Thank you



Nursery Christmas Party

Our Nursery Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 14th December during the morning session (8:55-11:55am). On party day the children are invited to come to nursery dressed in their party clothes. The children will be provided with some party food and will have lots of fun playing party games and dancing, there may also be a visit from somebody very special during the party!



Illness

There are lots of illnesses going around at the moment. We must remind that if your child has sickness or diarorea you must keep them off nursery for 48 hours. This helps to reduce the risk of illnesses being spread and ensures that the bug has left your child's system. If your child is off ill please contact the school office to notify the school of your child's absence. Thank you

Friday 17th November is Children In Need. The children are invited to come to nursery dressed in something spotty and to bring in a small cash donation.



Wow Stars

Please continue to send in 'Wow stars' telling us about your child's achievements at home.

Goodbye and Good Luck

On Friday we say goodbye to Mrs Robinson, one of our Early Years Teaching Assistants. Mrs Robinson is leaving us to start up a new exciting venture. We are sad to see Mrs Robinson leave but we wish her all the best in her new role.

All children are invited to join in our nursery rhyme challenge, Christmas party, Smart trees trip and the Christmas performances even if your child does not normally attend nursery on these days.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th November – Remembrance Service 10:45am (The nursery children will not be taking part in the remembrance service)

Friday 10th November – Friends Event Fashion Show

Friday 17th November – Children in Need, wear something spotty. Cash donation

Friday 24th November – Family Nursery Rhyme Challenge 9:15am in Nursery, Bauble Competition Launch, Friends Event Flip and Dippy the Clown

Monday 4th December – Early Years Christmas Performance 9:30am

Wednesday 6th December – Early Years Christmas Performance 6:00pm

Thursday 7th December – Christingle Service 6:00pm

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December – Nursery Trip to Smart Trees

Friday 15th December – Christmas Party Day, Friends Annual Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 19th December – Last day of term, bring a toy to school

And finally moans and groans

Naming clothing – Can we please remind you to name all items of clothing.

Toys – We kindly ask that you do not send your child to Nursery with toys from home. Staff are not responsible for toys that get lost or broken if brought in from home.

If you wish to discuss anything on our newsletter further please speak to a member of staff who will be more than happy to help.

Yours in Partnership

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