



Christmas Event



0-2's will be having a Christmas stay and play session from
10.00-11.00am on Tuesday 13th December.

All children that are in that day will be involved – if your child does not attend that day you are welcome to come in with them and join in some festive activities!

2-3's and **3-4's** will be having Christmas parties on **Thursday 15th December.**
2-3's will be from **10.00 to 11.00am** and **3-4's** will be from **1.45pm to 2.45pm.**

All children that are in that day will be involved - If your child does not usually attend you are welcome to come in with them. Places are limited and will be on a first come basis so please collect a ticket from reception.

Advanced Notice – Summer Works

We are delighted to announce that in summer 2017 we are redecorating the nursery. To enable this to happen we will be closed from **Tuesday 25th July – Friday 28th July 2017.** We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, however, we are looking forward to refreshing the learning environment for all children that attend.

Important Dates

Friday 18th November - Children in Need day – wear something spotty!

Monday 5th – Friday 11th December – Parent consultation week

Tuesday 13th December – 0-2's Christmas Stay & Play

Thursday 15th December – 2-3's and 3-4's Christmas Parties

Friday 16th December - Closed for staff training

Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January - Christmas holidays – We are back on Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Sunday 15th January 2017 - Primary School application form deadline

Monday 13th February 2017 - Closed for staff training

Thursday 2nd March 2017 – World Book Day

Tuesday 4th April 2017 - Closed for staff training

It is everyone's responsibility, to care for children if you ever have any concerns about a child who you know you can speak to Caren Safeguarding Lead or telephone NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Being involved

We recognise how busy you all are in the evenings and at the weekend but could we ask that should you and your child do something interesting please can you take a photo or write it down.

This could be put on 'ParentZone' so we can share it with your child and the other children at nursery or add it to the wowberry tree

Parent Consultation Week 5th – 11th December

We will be organising parent consultations in December with your child's key person, this will give Parent's opportunity to talk about their child's progress.

You will need to book an appointment, appointment lists will be available w/c 21st November 2016 in reception.

Our Ethos

To work in partnership with parents and carers to help prepare their child to become an independent person, with confidence and enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

We approach this by creating a happy, sharing and caring environment where all children and families are welcomed and love to come.

They are encouraged to respect and value each other and be a part of our Nursery community.

Children's registers & Accident forms

Please ensure that you sign your child in and out each day, it is an Ofsted and fire safety requirement.

Check the accident board as you walk through reception for your child's name; if your child has had an accident please do not forget to sign and collect the accident form.

Donations

If you have any unwanted Christmas decorations or paper we would love to make use of them. We also love anything such as boxes / tubes and pots we can use for junk modelling!

Charity Events

Children in Need - Friday 18th November

We will be joining in the 'Big Spotaclar' to raise money for children in need by wearing something spotty and having a cake sale! We will be doing lots of 'spotty' activities all week so all children can be involved.

We hope you will join us in raising money for this worthwhile cause!



Changes

Please remember to inform us of any changes to home or any other circumstances to do with your child. Including contact numbers and address changes.

Clothing & Essentials

Wellies, raincoats and hats are essential now winter is coming. Please ensure all clothes are named.

Children need to come to nursery with a spare set of clothes, enough nappies and baby wipes (if needed) or spare underwear in case of accidents!

Absence & Sickness

If your child is ill or is going to be absent from Nursery for whatever reason, please can you ring in or email by 9am if possible. **Please remember if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they need to be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before coming back to nursery.**

If they are unwell and require Calpol, they are too ill to be in nursery, please keep them at home. This is to prevent the spread of the illness.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to the parents who responded to our questionnaire, we had a very good response of 55%.

We love to hear that your children are happy and settled and also like to know what concerns or issues you have.

We strive to improve the service to all our families and this feedback is invaluable in helping us know what matters most to you.

Some comments were regarding how often the observations are updated on 'ParentZone'. Please be assured the observations are there and we are looking at ways of getting them published quicker for you to view.

Parent feedback was also mentioned, we always try to be available at the end of the day but recognise we don't always catch everyone, we are looking at ways we can ensure daily feedback for all parents.

Another Parent, asked about a sports day, we have booked a sports coach for the spring and summer term and we are hoping to hold a sports day at the end of these sessions in the summer.

There were lots of positive comments, from the parents.....

"Staff are great, friendly and very approachable. Setting is great and has a great variety of activities"

"Staff are always friendly and welcoming, children always seem happy and engaged"

"Really good at settling my son in and giving him extra support speech wise"

It was also lovely to hear what the children say to you about what they like in the Centre...

"The sand pit and the hills outside, I love the bikes, forest school and eating café outside"

"Train track and hot chocolate with Jenni"

"Playing with my friends"

Ideas of activities to do with your child

Reading

These cold dark nights are the perfect excuse for cuddling up and reading with your child, talk about the picture and what you can see, point to the words as you read so your child is linking that each word is separate and the order in which we read.

Newspaper cuttings - Need: old newspapers or magazines, scissors, glue

Look through some old newspapers or magazines with your child. Help them to find numbers 1-5 or the first letter in their name, cut out and stick them in order.

Fill a bucket - Need: a small bucket or sweet box,

Help your child to look around the home and put ten items into it, help your child count the items as you add them, you could also talk about the shape of the items or which is bigger, smaller etc.

3-4 Area

Over the last month we have been focussing on people who help us and becoming aware of various occupations.

To support this we have had a visit from Olivia's Daddy who is a retained Fire fighter. He kindly arranged for the Fire engine to visit nursery and the children thoroughly enjoyed being able to sit inside the fire engine and investigate all of the special equipment that they use.



We have also had a visit to the Hair and Beauty Zone within College kindly arranged by Lucas's Mum.

We were allowed to sit in the chairs in front of the mirrors and experiment with the brushes and rollers and we pretended to wash each other's hair in the basins.



We had some Halloween preparation while introducing some Forest school tool work by learning some hammering skills with the nails into the pumpkins.

We discussed how to use the hammers safely and then the children implemented these skills with some adult support.

The children were able to join in with taster day and get their faces painted and make play dough with the new students.

We enjoyed our parents coming in for 'Stay and Play' recently, we hope you enjoyed it too!

If you couldn't make it don't worry we will be holding another one in the near future.



2-3 Area

The two to three's have been busy with the autumn festivities. We have been decorating pumpkins and exploring the insides of them in addition to having a pumpkin trail within the garden.

We have also been comparing the sizes of pumpkins with other seasonal squashes. The children have used the pumpkin seeds combined with other materials to create our own Rangoli patterns in reflection of Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light.

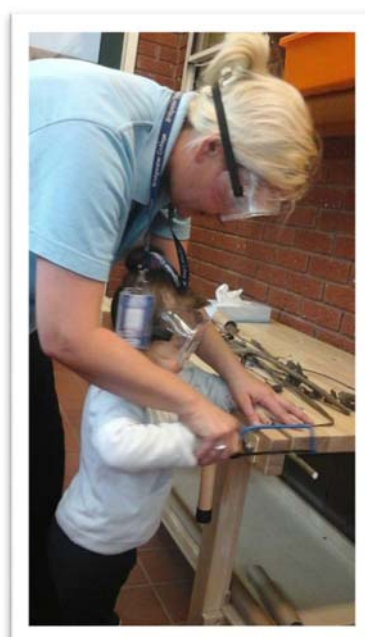
The children have also been looking at and using leaves from the garden in their play.

Next month we will be celebrating carnival and begin our preparations for Christmas as well as joining in with all the fun for Children in Need. We would love to see any pictures of our children if they dressed up for Halloween and/or at carnival so we can use these to create our autumn display.



Forest School

At forest school we have begun using tools to hammer in nails in pumpkins and tools to make our own stickmen. The adults are building a shelter in the area so we can continue to go down to the area now the weather is changing.



0-2 Area

The 0-2 room have enjoyed exploring lots of autumnal activities. From painting pumpkins to making impressions and marks in natural and spiced dough with pine cones and wooden pegs. We have been making collages with leaves and looking at books about the weather.

The babies have been using their senses and fine motor skills to explore treasure baskets alongside their friends.

They have all been getting involved in malleable play with gloop, oats and cloud dough.

We have been out to the train station, visited the fire engine and enjoyed stories in the College library.

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