



## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021

### Staff News

We have two new members of staff who joined us recently. Sophie and Louise are our new Early Years Support Assistants and they will be working in the 3-5 room at the moment.

### Family Photographs

We like to make the playroom as homely as possible. We would be grateful if you could email us a family photo that we can display in the playroom. This will be a link between home and nursery for the children.



### Hallowe'en Crafts

As you know everything is a bit different for the second year. Normally we would have a craft day where we would invite parents to spend time making Hallowe'en decorations with your child. Unfortunately we cannot invite parents in however we will be sending Hallowe'en craft bags home so that you can have fun making some decorations with your child.



### Hallowe'en Party and Sponsored Sing

We will be having our Hallowe'en party and Sponsored Sing on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Children may come dressed up if they wish to do so. Please don't worry if your child does not want to dress up there will be lots of dressing-up in nursery if they change their minds. Please do not send any props in with your child as Covid restrictions do not allow us to have these in the nursery. We will have party games and Hallowe'en party food.





We will also be having a Sponsored Sing. We will make a video and put it on the website for you to watch. Sponsor forms will be sent out shortly. Sponsor money raised will help us provide treats for the children at parties as well as helping Santa with the cost of Christmas presents for all of the children. We have not had any fundraising in the nursery for the last couple of years and hope that you will support us. Thank you.

## NURSERY FUNDS

We have only recently been able to ask for a voluntary donation of £1 per family per week. Previous Covid guidelines did not allow us to collect money in the nursery. This money helps us to provide lots of wee extras in the nursery, for example, it helps pay for baking ingredients, party food etc.



## EXCLUSION CRITERIA FOR ILLNESS

All of our guidance for illness comes from NHS Guidance for Childcare Settings.

There have been lots of bugs going around in the nursery over the last few weeks. As you are aware if your child has a cough or high temperature they will require a PCR test before returning to nursery. Lots of children have nasty colds and chest infections at the moment. We appreciate your support in keeping the nursery as safe as possible for all of our children by keeping them off when they are unwell.

We have recently had a vomiting and diarrhoea bug going round. Children must only return to nursery when the sickness/diarrhoea has stopped for 48 hours. As you can imagine these germs pass around the children very quickly.

Finally, we have also had a case of chickenpox this week. Please keep an eye out for spots! If your child develops chickenpox they must stay off until the spots have all crusted over. This is usually at least five days after the spots appear. Anyone in the early stages of pregnancy should speak to their doctor if they have been in contact with chickenpox.

## A FEW REMINDERS

Please do not send your child to nursery if they have any possible Covid 19 symptoms i.e. high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste of smell.

Please wear a face covering when you come into the nursery grounds.

Please keep a set of spare clothing in nursery for your child.

Please do not send toys into the nursery with your child as we are still following Covid guidance that asks us to limit resources from home.

## FINALLY

The nursery will be closed next week for the October break. Monday 18 October is a staff in-service training day and the nursery will re-open on Tuesday 19 October.



We would like to thank you for all of your support during this term. It is difficult for us not having parents in the nursery however please phone anytime you have any questions or would like a chat about how your child is getting on.