## Autumn 2017



To celebrate Harvest we will be collecting food items to be delivered to Oswestry Food Bank. The food bank is an invaluable service that helps hundreds of less fortunate people provide their families with food and nourishment. They also accept toiletries such as soap, shampoo and shower gel. Could we please ask for any donations to be dropped off with a member of your child's room staff by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Any tinned goods (including pulses, meat, fruit, custard, rice pudding, fish etc.), dried pasta, rice, toiletries, cereals are all acceptable. (Please no fresh produce like dairy, fresh fruit and veg, bread etc. as this may spoil before the Food Bank are able to collect our gatherings). Thank you.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October 7pm-9pm – An Introduction to Bellan House (letters being sent out shortly)

Mon 23rd – Friday 27th October Half Term

Week Commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parent Consultations. Details to follow.

<u>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> & Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October</u> – Halloween Dress up days for whole nursery & pumpkin carving competition...prizes for the best entries.

<u>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> November</u> – Oswestry School Bonfire Night (details of tickets coming soon).

<u>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> November</u> – 'Reading' evening at Bellan House (letters being sent to pre-school parents after half term).

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am to which all parents, grandparents, friends, aunts, uncles etc. are warmly invited. We will once again tie this in with the Great Prepcare Bake Off! Please have your culinary creations ready for judging (and devouring) by 9am. We look forward to seeing your tasty bakes!



## News from the Rooms:

**Babies:** We are creating an Owl Babies display to tie in with autumn. We have been using paint in many sensory opportunities like hand, feet and finger printing, and cork printing. We are enjoying autumn walks to the park watching the leaves fall from the trees. Please may we ask your child has a warm coat for the outdoors. Thank you.

<u>Minis</u>: Each month we will be focusing on a different colour, number and Makaton Sign. We have been enjoying leafy walks in the park. Our colours display is brightening our room and the children love to spot their families on our Family Tree display...if you haven't yet provided a family photo for this then please could you bring one in. Many thanks. We wish Miss Lauren all the very best as she leaves us this week to commence her maternity leave. We can't wait to hear news of the new little addition to her family.

<u>Littles 1:</u> With the change in season comes plenty of new experiences. We will be cooking some delicious warming soup this month, along with tasty traybakes. Harvest and Halloween will create plenty of sensory and creative opportunities, along with autumn walks collecting leaves.

<u>Littles 2:</u> We have created our very own Gruffalo wood in the room...do come and see. The children have been celebrating harvest with vegetable printing. We have had some wonderful smells coming from our autumn bakes including Apple cake; we have even made nutmeg playdough!

<u>Pre-school:</u> The new children have settled in brilliantly well...WELL DONE! We are working on items for our autumn display and getting to see autumn in full swing at Forest School. We hope you can make our Parent Forest School Sessions (details to follow). Request: Does anyone have a tin of wood preserver they could donate? Many thanks.