

Autumn/Winter Newsletter

2024/25



Unders: Welcome to all of our new starters, they have all settled in really well, feeling safe and secure in their new surroundings. We have been learning some new Makaton signs and the children have been enjoying using their fingers to practise. For our Autumn activities we have been using paint, fruit and vegetables and collecting autumnal objects in their bags to explore in the tuff tray. We are looking forward to making some wonderful Christmas crafts.

Littles: We have had a few new children move up into our Littles room and they have settled really well. We have enjoyed lots of autumnal activities, including walks to the park and the children have loved collecting sticks, cones, leaves in their bags and then practising their fine motor skills painting, sticking and rolling out playdough using their findings. The children have also enjoyed some music sessions with Miss Sarah's electric piano and love having a go with it. We have celebrated Halloween by looking at spooky stories, creating artwork and exploring the 'Room on the Broom' story sack. We had a Halloween dress up day and pumpkin decorating competition. We have also carved some pumpkins, created potions and explored Halloween themed tuff trays. We also celebrated Diwali by looking at books explaining the festival, creating Diwali lanterns and artwork. The children also enjoyed trying some traditional foods eaten during the Diwali festival such as Samosas, Kheer and Rice pudding.

Pre-School: We have had a very busy half term, we started by exploring our emotions with the Colour Monster. We all felt yellow (happy) which was great! We have had a big move to our new room and the children have settled well and are enjoying exploring the new areas. As Autumn came the children shared their amazing treasure bags with leaves of all colours, acorns, conkers, cones and even some apples. The children used some fabulous words to describe our finds such as prickly, crunchy, spikey and rainbow! We have also enjoyed exploring Halloween making lots of colour crafts, made Diwali lamps with clay and celebrated Bonfire night making some colourful pictures. Wow what a busy time we have had! We are looking forward to some fabulous Christmas celebrations. Thankyou for your continued support.

REMINDERS:

May we please remind everyone that no smoking, vaping or use of mobile telephones is permitted once you have entered the car park upon drop off and pick up times.

Could we please also remind everyone to adhere to the correct drop off and pick up times. We do try to be flexible on this when given notice but sometimes staffing is affected and it is very important that we adhere to the correct ratios at all times and early or late pick up/drop off can affect these. Many thanks.

Just a little reminder also, if everything could be labelled with your child's name to include clothes, inc hats and gloves), shoes etc.

As you are aware, we had our Ofsted inspection in October and we are very pleased to say that we have been graded 'Good' in all areas with some lovely comments made from the Inspectors on the day. The children were absolute superstars, the staff as always were amazing and a big thankyou also to parents who spoke to the Inspectors personally on the day. There is a link on Family for you to review the Report on the Ofsted website.

Dates for your Diary and Festivals

Oct 31/Nov 1st - Halloween fancy dress and Diwali celebration
Nov 4th - term time children return
Nov 5th - Bonfire night
Nov 11th - Remembrance day
Nov 15th - Children in Need (children and staff invited to dress up)
Dec 17th - Pre-school Christmas performance - details to follow
Dec 18th and 19th - Christmas Jumper Day for children and staff
Dec 23rd - 6th Jan 2025 Christmas holidays - term time children break up on Friday 20th December
Dec 25th - Christmas Day holiday
Dec 26th - Boxing Day holiday
1st Jan 2025 - New Year's Day holiday
6th Jan - PD day
7th Jan - Term time children return



Happy birthday to all the children who have celebrated one this term.

