

## Dear Families,



October has been a fabulous month in the Nursery as the children have had the opportunity of exploring a variety of different Autumnal experiences and weather. They have been exploring different size pumpkins, visiting the Library to learn about Autumn and festivals as well as exploring the darkness that fell over the county with the great storm. The older children were very curious about the colour of the sky.

The Team have been busy capturing these exciting learning experiences with the children and posting them on Tapestry for you to see. Please remember that if you capture any great moments when at home add them onto Tapestry. We love to see what the children get up to at home as it helps us understand more about your children's interests and their family life.

We had the Photographer visit us and it was lovely seeing all the children dressed up and showing us their lovely smiles. I'm sure there will be some amazing keep sake photos for you.

In November the children will be developing their compost patches and preparing their vegetable gardens for their next crop.

The deadline to claim additional grant funding (30 hours) for Spring 2018 qualifying children is 31st December. Please apply online at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to obtain your eligibility code so that you can claim the additional grant hours with us or another Setting. Please apply as soon as possible so you do not miss the deadline. Parents claiming the 30 hours or using Tax Free Childcare should reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months. If you have any questions about grant funding, please contact Clare our Finance Manager.

Kind Regards

*Kayleigh Tye*  
Nursery Manager

## Nature Nursery

In October we have been making lots of land art from the array of beautiful leaves that have been falling, as well as making dens through weaving wool and sticks. The children have also been using their large motor skills in balancing and climbing the trees, and learning new skills with the wood work tools, of sawing, and drilling to make different items with willow.



## Diary Dates

- **Children in Need**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- **Kindergarten Christmas Party**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10am
- **Kindergarten Nativity**  
18<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- **Close for Christmas**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6pm.
- **Re-open**  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

## Babies

The Babies have been exploring the Nursery Rhyme 'Twinkle, twinkle Little Star'. They have been investigating lights and sounds as well as puppets and 'twinkly' music. They have also been exploring pine cones and different small wooden logs in their garden for stacking and climbing. Babies have also been exploring paint with different parts of their bodies such as hands and feet.



## Toddlers

The Toddlers have been exploring different fruits and vegetable by having more of a variety at snack time and also incorporating fruits in their cooking activities. The children have also been exploring herbs in the garden and then investigating them in their 'mixing station' where they have been mixing things together practising the skills needed when cooking. These skills have then been consolidated further through the children making their own play dough.



## Transition

In October Transition have been exploring the story 'Pumpkin Soup' with the children. They have been picking their own potatoes from our vegetable patch, examining pumpkins and then making and eating their own pumpkin soup. Transition have also been looking at how things move particularly in the garden using the drain pipe shoots, with spheres, and then looking at how things travel with throwing, rolling or bouncing.



## Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children have been exploring 'Autumn' resources such as leaves and sticks in our woodland area this month. They made their own wormery and watched the wonderful tunnels the worms made before setting them free in the woods. They have also been looking at lights and celebrations especially Dwali. They have made candles, explored and made different traditional meals as well as explored patterns through their art work.

