

Dear Families,

Welcome to our October Newsletter, Autumn is showing it's face and we are starting to see the beautiful changing colours of the leaves. The children have been taking trips out to our local woods on the Science Park collecting a range of leaves and cones to explore and use in creative ways. The Transition children have been leaf rubbing and the Kindergarten children created a mini beast environment for the pretend bugs to explore.

Thank you to all the families who were able to make the Open Evening on 18th September, we hope you found it useful. If you were unable to make it please talk to the Team about coming in and having a look round. The Kindergarten Team had lots of information about the transition to School, if you would like our Top Tips sheet please ask Lauren.

October Parent Consultation times are outside your child's room, please feel free to discuss this with the Room Manager or myself. We are hoping to start our programme with Southampton Football Club with the Kindergarten children in the next month, please watch this space. A Photographer will visit us in October, if you would like your older or younger children to be included please book a time in the office.

To help celebrate Harvest, we are currently collecting tinned foods for our local Church, if you would like to contribute, we will be taking them down to the Church with the children in the next few weeks.

All the children are able to access our garden throughout the day, please can we remind you to bring in coats, wellies, waterproof trousers etc, all named as we do go out in all weathers. Thank you.

Sam Paulton
Nursery Manager



Our Open Evening



Dates for your Diary

- **Parent Consultations**
Starting from 2nd October
- **Photographer**
Tuesday 24th October
- **Diwali**
Sunday 19th October
- **Bonfire Night**
Sunday 5th November
- **Children in Need**
Friday 17th November
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
Wednesday 13th December
- **Christmas closure**
Friday 22nd December
- **Reopening**
Tuesday 2nd January

Babies

In September Babies were very busy exploring various sounds in the room as well as outdoors. They experimented with all kinds of instruments, metal containers and electronic toys. They also enjoyed lots of Autumn walks around Chilworth and collecting various objects (leaves, sticks, etc.) to explore and use in their artwork. All our new Babies have settled in very well and the Team is excited to continue the amazing journey together through October.



Toddlers



During September we welcomed 16 children to Toddlers who have moved up from the Baby room and 2 children who are new to the Nursery. The information from their All About Me forms has helped us to help them settle very quickly. They have loved exploring the new toys and the garden and enjoyed painting and sticking and gluing activities, the results of which we have displayed on our boards. Throughout October we are going to be exploring Autumn. We will be going on walks to look at the changes in our environment and collect leaves, acorns and fir cones for exploration and display. We will also be having a trip to the Farm to pick sweetcorn and pumpkins.

Transition

The children in Transition have been discovering lots about apples this month. They have been creating observational pictures, learning the colours apples can be and how they grow on beautiful trees. They have even made apple cakes which looked yummy. We are supporting a lot of children with toilet training at the moment and we are currently developing Home Learning Bags to support with this at home. In October, we will be looking at mini beasts as the children have shown a keen interest in mini beast hunts!



Kindergarten

Well, what a busy first month we had in Kindergarten! The children and Team have settled in well and there are so many new experiences to explore; woodwork, sewing and lots of clay! In October we will be continuing to focus on settling the children in and getting them used to the routines. We will also be having a Saints Football Coach in to work with the children and some of our children will be starting French Lessons. During the week beginning 2nd October we will be holding Parent Consultations every day from 4-5.45pm. Please speak to the Team if you would like to book one.

