

Dear Families,



November was a busy month! The children enjoyed talking about the fireworks they had seen with families and recreating them with paintings and drawings and even a small bonfire at the end of the garden. We enjoyed our sponsored walk to the duck pond for Children in Need along with baking, cycling, dressing up and much more to help us raise £654 for such a good cause. Thank you to everyone who donated and dressed up for the week, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Nature Nursery has continued to be a great experience for the Kindergarten children exploring the outdoors and other rooms have been getting out and about too, in the garden making fires with Zoe and on walks in the local community.

In November, we had Steph, our new Deputy Support Manager, Emma, our new Modern Apprentice in Transition and Natasha, our new Senior in Transition, start with us. They have all settled into their roles really well so thank you for making them all feel so welcome.

December will be a very exciting time with lots of Christmas festivities and fun and the Kindergarten Nativity. Music and laughter will fill the Nursery with Christmas cheer.

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 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 already 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.

Best wishes and a very Merry Christmas

Jo Parker
Nursery Manager

Some of our experiences



Diary Dates

- **Kindergarten Christmas Party**
7th December 3pm
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
22nd December 3pm
- **Christmas Closure**
Friday 22nd December
- **Nursery Re-opens**
2nd January

Babies

The Babies have been really lucky this month and have been out an about in the Yellow Dot Bus. They visited Manor Farm and Marwell Zoo. The children have been interested in playing with our animals and were fascinated by all the real ones they saw. Team and children alike had lots of fun dressing up for Children in Need too and we have also enjoyed sharing lots of stories together.



Toddlers

Toddlers have also been raising money for Children In Need. They spent a week wearing pyjamas, painted spotty pictures and had teddy bear picnics. They have also been talking lots about fire and fireworks after Bonfire Night. We made a pretend fire and talked about fire safety. The Toddlers then had a real fire in the garden and toasted marshmallows, the children were very careful and told the Team that fire is "hot hot".



Transition

We enjoyed creating our own poppy's for Remembrance Day. We have also been talking about bonfires and creating our own bonfire pictures, Zoe even made a bonfire where we toasted marshmallows and had our soup in a cup whilst sat by the warm fire. We have also been exploring the local park too, discovering our independence and trying out new things.



Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we have been very busy. Our experiences range from making our own pizza muffins to taking part in a sponsored walk around the duck pond. To introduce Remembrance Day to the children, we looked at the poppy and used natural materials and red play dough to make our own. We are practising for our Nativity Play and are now getting really good at singing the songs. We can't wait to perform them for you!

