

Dear Families,



Welcome to our November newsletter. Autumn is well and truly here and the seasonal changes have been a big topic of conversation. The children have certainly been able to see the changes as they have continued to explore their fantastic new garden.

In November we are looking forward to our 'Children In Need' week where there will be something different to join in with each day. Look out for the posters which will be up shortly.

Over the next month sadly we say goodbye to Kim who leaves her role as Deputy and Kindergarten Room Manager. We wish her all the very best on her new adventures. We welcome Anisha as our Kindergarten Room Manager, Claire Hickley as our Nursery Nurse in Transition and Sammie as our Deputy and Toddler Room Manager. Like you and especially the children, we are looking forward to getting to know them and welcome them to our Yellow Dot family.

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 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 Chrissie our Finance Manager.

Becky McFarlane
Nursery Manager



Out and About

In October the whole Nursery has been busy exploring their local community which provides some amazing first hand experiences for them.

Toddlers and Kindergarten went to Sunnyfields Farm where they had the opportunity to see a range of vegetables growing and bring back pumpkins for displaying and to explore in their room. Babies visited the local Library and found some books linked to their current interests.

And the children in Transition have been out in the local community to visit the local tea rooms to experience this first hand following lots of them having been to the theatre to see 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'.

Dates for your Diary

- **Christmas Photographer**
Thursday 30th November.
- **Kindergarten Nativity dress rehearsal:**
Tuesday 28th November
at 2pm Village Hall.
- **Kindergarten Nativity:**
Tuesday 5th December
at 2:30pm Village Hall.
- **Kindergarten Christmas Party**
Thursday 14th December at
2:30pm
- **Close for Christmas:**
Friday 22nd December
- **Nursery Reopens**
Tuesday 2nd January

Babies

The garden development provoked our learning during October. The Babies used diggers and cement mixers in sand to create their own indoor construction site. To enhance their learning further we added the library books and an assortment of building blocks. We have used these experiences to focus on developing the children's skills in building simple towers or structures with various sized bricks, and to develop their arm and wrist muscles through scooping & digging. Some of the older children have also been climbing up and over the soft play which helps to strengthen their leg muscles.



Toddlers

In October the Toddlers explored the book "Percy the Park Keeper". We looked at the different woodland animals from the book and painted some Autumnal pictures using different Autumn materials such as leaves and conkers. We also made 2 lovely habitats for our woodland animals to live in; exploring animals that live in trees and animals that live underground. Alongside this we have been looking at lots of Autumn books and we will continue to look at these and explore Autumn further as we introduce harvest fruit and vegetables following our trip to Sunnyfields Farm.

Transition



During October the children in Transition explored Autumn colours and shapes. We collected leaves from Nature Nursery and made leaf pictures. We explored an Autumn sensory table, with leaves and paint where we felt "soft" and "bumpy" textures. In Transition we also explored how we make different prints and patterns with paint, playdough and clay. During November we will continue to explore the Autumn season and will also look at the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' as this a favourite in Transition at the moment. We are also hoping to make different paint and chalk pictures to represent Bonfire Night too.

Kindergarten

Last month in common with everyone else the children in Kindergarten explored Autumn. We looked at colours and what happens to the leaves during the change in seasons. Kindergarten collected leaves from the field by the Village Hall to compare to colour charts and see which colours matched. The tree has lots of different colours on it! We have made magic wands and enjoyed leaf threading to help us as we introduce sewing skills in the next few weeks. During November we will continue to explore Autumn and watch what happens to the leaves.

