

Dear Families,



October saw us mark six months since opening, this has been an exciting time for all our Team and we are very much looking forwards to continuing to welcome new families as the numbers continue to grow. We have had a fantastic month across the Nursery with lots of brilliant and exciting Autumn provocations taking place. Many of the children have been out and about exploring the changes in the environment and gathering natural objects to use for their creative provocations. Lots of the children's art is displayed in their rooms, have a little look next time you're in! Please continue to let us know of any new interests your children have to help us in planning new and exciting provocations for them.

As part of getting out and about the children have been very interested in learning about the people in the local community. To encourage this interest we have arranged some visits to the Nursery from 'people who help us' including the local Police.

As the weather is changing and getting much colder please remember to ensure that your child has a warm coat as well as a hat, gloves and scarf. This means the children can continue to enjoy their outdoor play and getting out and about throughout the winter.

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.

Kind regards

Hayley James

Nursery Manager

Diary Dates

- **Bonfire Night**
Sunday 5th November
- **Children in Need**
Friday 17th November
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
Thursday 21st December 2:30pm
- **Kindergarten Christmas Party**
Friday 22nd December
- **Close for Christmas**
6pm Friday 22nd December
- **Re-open**
Tuesday 2nd January



Babies

This month the Babies have been busy exploring the changes that Autumn brings. The Team have taken the children out and about to collect leaves and have made a great sensory area for them using all sorts of natural objects. The Team have spent time one on one introducing new tools to make marks with. The cork printing was particularly popular and created some fantastic masterpieces.



Toddlers



Toddlers have been using their 'green fingers' to create a living tough spot with all sorts of different textured grasses and plants that children have helped to plant and look after. They have also been exploring colour mixing to create Autumn colours to paint with inspired by all the pumpkins they have been to pick. The Team have been supporting some brilliant collaborative play, building huge train tracks for the children to play with. This has sparked an interest in modes of transport encouraging the Team to take some of the Toddlers on a bus ride to Romsey.

Transition

What a busy month Transition have had exploring colours. The Team have supported the children in making their own colour sorting table where they have used lots of everyday objects that the children have helped to select and sorted them into colour groups. They have also been exploring colour mixing on a large scale with coloured water in the garden. It has been great to see the children's understanding of cause and effect. The children also had great fun getting stuck in and scooping out their pumpkin.



Kindergarten



The children in Kindergarten have been very busy this month exploring a multi sensory mud kitchen that has seen them pick their own herbs from the garden and add these to big containers of water and mud. The children have been sharing this experience with each other and have been using some great language to explain what they are creating as well as what they can see and smell. This provoked an interest in cooking and the children made some delicious pumpkin cake.