

Dear Families,



Welcome to our November newsletter, we are looking forward to continuing seasonal changes and the excitement of Autumnal festivals. October brought us beautiful Autumn colours and sparked many fantastic provocations throughout the Nursery. This fabulous season really is a great starting point for our children to extend their learning. We also had Sophie, a musician with the ABC Group who we have previously taken children to hear in the Cathedral, come to visit us to play our favourite songs and rhymes on the saxophone. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and it was great to hear the voices of the children and Team joining in throughout the Nursery.

As we enter November we embark on new adventures. Our Kindergarten children will have the opportunity to experience our Yellow Dot Beach Nursery and will also visit our local Nursing Home to wow the residents with their singing. Children in Need is also sure to bring some fun charity fund raising for all and a coffee morning hosted by our Baby Team for our Baby parents aims to enable some of our families who may not know each other to get together for a drink and a chat.

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 Sarah our Finance Manager.

Finally, as the beginnings and ends of the days get darker, please can we ask that you are extra vigilant with little walkers whilst entering and exiting our car park.

Many thanks.

Charlotte Tubbs
Nursery Deputy Manager



A trip to the Dentist

We have been fortunate enough to be contacted by a local Dentist about children's oral health. Research suggests that in the UK 80% of children have never been to the Dentist by the time they are 10 years old. We have taken a small group of our younger children to the Dentist to support raising awareness of this important health issue. They returned full of high spirits and with a bag of dental goodies to share around the Nursery. Please can we encourage you to ensure your child visits your Dentist regularly.

Dates for your Diary

- **Beach Nursery begins for Kindergarten**
Wednesday 1st November
- **Coffee Morning for Baby parents**
Thursday 12th November
- **Children in Need**
Friday 17th November
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
Friday 8th December
- **Kindergartens Christmas Party**
13th December 10am
- **Christmas Closure**
Friday 22nd December
6pm
- **Nursery re-opens**
2nd January

Babies

As our Babies continue to settle and we continue to welcome new starters, the children have been learning lots of new social skills. We have been doing lots of singing of rhymes and lullaby's which, among other things, really helps with language development. Our parents have also shared with us the songs they sing at home which we have been able to incorporate here with the Babies during our music sessions.



Toddlers

Toddlers embraced the change of weather and got out and about in all that the weather threw at us. They have spent time in the Moors exploring the leaves that have fallen from the trees and have been into town to buy seasonal fruit and vegetables. The children investigated these as they washed and chopped them, working their muscles as well as their minds. The children also really liked the saxophone playing, they were particularly interested in being able to touch it and even put their hand inside.

Transition

Following a number of Birthday celebrations, parties have been an interest to the children in Transition. They have enjoyed playing party games which have supported social skills and turn taking. The children began making 'birthday cakes' from clay and this led to lots of other creations being made such as towers and animals. A new dolls house was also a popular choice for the children during October and they enjoyed using their imagination to create many stories.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten's starting point in October was Autumn and what better place to explore this season than out on Winnall Moors. The children spent some time laying beneath a tree looking at the patterns and shapes. Conkers supported mathematics within the environment developing counting and weighing and were also used to create master pieces by rolling them through paint. The children's favourite book has been 'Percy the Park Keeper: After the storm' which ties in well with the changes of weather and animals that are often spotted at this time of year.

