

October 2019

Newsletter



Hello, we hope you all had a lovely half term break! We were really busy during our first half term at Happy Faces. We began with settling into the routine of preschool, we explored colour, shape and number, cooked lots of yummy things, created lots of crafts, pictures and drawings, we also joined in with Zumbini and went on a walk to the library!

During this half term we are going to be looking more closely at numbers and doing lots of counting activities. The children will also continue to learn Makaton signs, such as please, thank you, yes, no and perhaps other signs that helps us to talk about Autumn. We will also be thinking about Halloween, Bonfire night and Diwali at the beginning of this half term and then Christmas will begin in December!

As always, if you would like to know more about what your child is learning at preschool or any concerns you may have, please talk to your child's keyperson.

Diana André
Preschool Manager



Snack

At Happy Faces Preschool we ask parents to contribute to snack time by providing some items each week for all the children to share such as fruit, crackers, breadsticks, bread or cheese (or something similar). Here are some fruit/veg suggestions for this half term:

Grapes
Apple
Pear
Banana
Carrot
Celery

Parents Meetings

We hope most of you have signed up for a parents meeting over the next two weeks. This is a chance for you to meet with your child's keyworker to discuss their development as well as any worries or concerns you may have.



Photographs

The photographer will be in on Monday 11th November for the morning and afternoon sessions to take individual photographs of the children for you to purchase.

If your child does not attend on a Monday there will be an opportunity to bring your child at 12.30pm for a photograph.



Tapestry

You should all now have login details to access your child's Tapestry account. If you have not received an email from Tapestry please do let us know.

The idea of Tapestry is for us all to keep up to date with your child's learning journey. You are able to see what your child is doing at preschool and the progress they are making. Please leave comments and also create your own observations of your children being fantastic at home! Information from you about your child really helps us to build up a clearer picture of how they are doing.

Wellies

Please could you make sure that your child has a pair of wellies at preschool for when we walk to the scout field, please also ensure that all their items of clothing and footwear are named to prevent items getting lost.



Scout Field

Children will be walking to the Scout during the following sessions:

Tuesday morning
Thursday afternoon

Important Dates

Halloween Stay and Play - Thursday 31st October, either 11.15am or 2.30pm

Parents meetings - weeks beginning 28th Oct and 4th November.

Photographer to take individual photographs - 11th November

Last Day of term - 20th December

Christmas Party - 20th December 10am - 12pm

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2019

5th September 2019 – 20th December 2019

Half Term: 21st October 2019 – 25th October 2019

Christmas Holiday: 21st December 2019 – 6th January 2020

Spring Term 2020

8th January 2020 – 3rd April 2020

Half Term: 17th February 2020 – 21st February 2020

Easter: 4th April 2020 – 20th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

21st April 2020 – 17th July 2020

Half Term: 25th May 2020 – 29th May 2020

How can I support my child's learning?

Encourage your child to tell you what they have done at preschool. The earlier you can get into this habit the better. If your child absolutely won't tell you, have a chat with us or look on Tapestry to see what we've been doing and see if you can prompt them. Otherwise, you could try out some songs and nursery rhymes that we learn at preschool at home together. Sharing songs and rhymes is something that you can easily do when you are busy with something else e.g. cooking, cleaning, driving in the car. Some of the songs we sing are: Incy Wincy Spider, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, The Wheels on the Bus, Old Macdonald had a Farm.

Also share your child's learning journey with them, looking at photographs that we have added onto Tapestry, they may be able to tell more about the activity they were taking part in.

