

October 2017

# Newsletter



Hello, we have been really busy in these first few weeks back with settling back into the routine of preschool, going for walks to the scout field, cooking yummy biscuits as well as dancing along to songs played on the big screen. The children have been learning about colours; exploring, naming and experimenting with different colours. We have created lots of lovely pictures using a variety of colours, including exploring leaf printing and creating hedgehogs with the different coloured leaves we collected from the field next door.

As we move more into Autumn we will explore how the season changes. We will continue to go on walks to see if we can see the leaves changing colour as well as exploring acorns, conkers and creatures. We will also be talking to the children about Harvest and thinking about the food we eat. We are also looking closely at numbers, beginning with the number 1 as our number of the week. The children will also continue to learn Makaton signs and have been practising the signs 'eat' and 'thankyou'.

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

Diana André  
Preschool Manager

## Reading Share

We would like to invite you to join your child in Preschool at the beginning of a session either on the 18th, 19th or 20th of October. This is an opportunity for you to share a book with your child at the beginning of their preschool session.



## Snack

At Happy Faces Preschool we usually provide the following items for snack: toast, cheese, breadsticks, pancakes, yoghurts or cereal. However we do ask parents to contribute to snack time by providing some fruit each week for all the children to share. We suggest five fruits/vegetables for you to choose from each week to bring into Preschool, which are displayed on the board in the coat peg area.



## Halloween Dress Up

Children are invited to come to Preschool dressed up for their session on Tuesday 31st October. This can be either a Halloween costume or something different if they do not want to dress up in Halloween costume.



## Photographs

The photographer will be in on Wednesday 2nd 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 Wednesday 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 details of how to login 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.



## Harvest

We will be having a collection of food to take to the foodbank during the week beginning 9th October. Please bring in non perishable items such as tins or packets which we can distribute to the Food Bank. During this week we will be talking to the children about different types of food and also where our food comes from.

## Important Dates

**Harvest 9th - 13th Oct**

**Reading share 18th, 19th, 20th October**

**Half Term: 23rd -27th October**

**Halloween Dress Up Day - Tuesday 31st October**

**Photographs - Thursday 2nd November**



## Parking

Please make sure that you are not causing an obstruction when parking outside the preschool. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



## Cars

While waiting in the car park to come into preschool please do not let the children run around the cars

## 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 won't tell you, have a chat with us or look at the board that tells you what we've been doing (on the office door near coat pegs) 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.

