

November 2017

Newsletter



Hello, welcome to our November newsletter. We hope you all had a good half term. This half term we are going to be doing Halloween and bonfire night activities, Children in Need, a topic on Winter and then we will begin the festive fun activities for Christmas!!

Thank you for logging into Tapestry, please do continue to look at your child's learning journey and add comments to help us understand your child's learning and progress. Sometimes they do different things at home. We'd love you to add your own photographs or videos of your child doing something that we may not have seen here!

We have got lots of events coming up this term which we have let you know about on this newsletter, please keep an eye on our Facebook page as well for any updates.

Diana André
Preschool Manager

Children in Need

We will be taking part in fundraising for Children in Need again this year. This will be on **Friday 17th November**. On this day children are invited to come to Preschool wearing spotty clothes! The children will be doing lots of fun, messy and spotty activities. We will be collecting donations on the day and recommend the children bring a donation of £2 for Children in Need.



Christmas Share

We would like to invite parents into preschool during a session that your child attends, either
Wednesday 7th December 11am - 11.45am or
Thursday 8th December 2.15 - 3.00pm
to join in some festive activities to begin getting us in the Christmas spirit.

This is also a chance to see the sorts of activities your children are involved in while at Preschool.



Christmas party

Our Christmas Party this year will take place on December 20th at 10am - 12pm.

The children will take part in games and dancing and will enjoy a small amount of party food. Towards the end of the party the children will have the opportunity to meet Santa and receive a present. We will be asking parents to come in for the last part of the party to go with their child to meet Santa.

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards the party which will cover the cost of the entertainment, food and a present from Santa. We will send a letter out soon to ask you to let us know if your child will be attending.

Jenny

We need to say huge thank you and goodbye to Jenny who has decided not to return after her recent maternity leave. Jenny has been a valued member of Happy Faces Preschool, taking on the roles of Deputy Manager and SENCO during her time here. We will all miss Jenny and wish her all the best for the future!



Parents meetings

We are holding parent's meetings during the weeks beginning 13th and 20th November. This meeting is an opportunity for you to come and meet with your child's keyworker to talk about how they are getting on at preschool and to discuss the progress they are making. There will be sheets to sign up for a time in the coat peg area. Please make sure you sign up.

How can I support my child's learning?

One of the greatest gifts that you can give to your child is a love of reading. Research has shown that one of the biggest indicators of success in a child's life is whether or not they have books in the home. As a parent, try to focus on making reading fun and enjoyable. Here are some ideas to try:

Choose a quiet time for reading to your child, before a nap, bedtime, or after dinner.

Choose a special place for family reading, like a comfortable chair or pillows piled on the floor.

Let your child select the book for you to read aloud.

Hold the book so that she or he can see the pictures. If possible, also let her or him turn the pages.

Take time to look at and talk about the pictures. Don't just read the story: talk about it. Let your child point out letters, shapes, colors, and animals.

Understand that reading begins at home. Children read their environments, so make your home a print rich environment.

Read! Don't expect reading to be important to your children if they see that it's not important to you.

Invite your child to read to you. If he or she is a pre reader, he'll often interpret his own story using illustrations and his imagination.

Make lists, lots of them. Make them for grocery shopping, books to buy and things to take on trips.

Read aloud to your child every day.



Important Dates

Christmas Share days

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December

Parents meetings weeks 13th - 24th November

Children in Need Dress up day Friday 17th November

Last day of Term Tuesday 19th December

Christmas party day Wednesday 20th December

Wellies

Please could all children bring in a pair of wellies if they attend on a Thursday morning or Friday afternoon as these are now the times we are able to use the Scout field. Wellies should have your child's name in and should be placed on the welly rack.

