



Our January 2022 Newsletter



Happy New Year Everyone! We hope you all had a great Christmas!

Welcome back to our Spring term, we are very much looking forward to seeing you all and hearing about everyone's Christmas experiences.

We had a very busy and fun last Autumn term, the children showed so much interest and engagement in activities. We continue to extend their learning 'in the moment' with what they are doing, and they also showed lots of enthusiasm for our topics.

During our 'Oral Hygiene' week, we were very impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of the importance of looking after their teeth - they loved the different activities which helped to promote this further - particularly the activities which involved the 'giant teeth' puppet, and 'giant mouth' which Tracy made for a group activity!

Our 'Road Safety' week was also well received and included lots of activities to help the children understand how to stay safe when close to roads.

We have also been for some beautiful Autumn walks in our 'big garden', the children love exploring beyond the nursery garden, and they are very good at listening to adults when they are talking to them about the boundaries and expectations of what to do when in the big garden.

The children were very keen to be involved in all the Christmas festivities and they showed lots of interest in Christmas stories, craft activities and Christmas singing - it was very special to hear the children learning the songs especially when accompanied by Erika with her saxophone or ukulele.

We had a special time visiting the Church one morning and the vicar has invited us again. We hope to plan this on a different day, so other children can also experience this.

Topics for new term

We continue to spontaneously plan our topics depending on what's happening and the children's interests. The following are our current planned topics. Our noticeboard and Tapestry will keep you updated further throughout the term.

Week Beginning 10th January - All About Me

Week Beginning 17th January - Staying Safe

Week Beginning 24th January - Children's Interests

Week Beginning 31st January - Chinese New Year

Week Beginning 7th February - Environment Week

COVID Procedures

There were several updates made to our risk assessment/guidelines during the Autumn term, following changes made by the government and these are likely to continue whilst infection rates are so high - we will continue to keep you updated as and when these change. Thank you so much for following the guidelines and helping us to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Staff Update

In November, Ellen gave birth to a little girl named Rosie - both are doing well, and we cannot wait to see them when possible!

Unfortunately, Pippa decided to leave us at the end of last term, but she has kindly offered to help us with staff cover during the Spring term if there are any staff absences. It means we are not quite saying goodbye to her yet and really appreciate her offer to help us during this time.

We are very pleased to announce that we are welcoming two new members of staff to the team, Alison Jonckheer and Emily Patterson, who will both start at the beginning of this term.

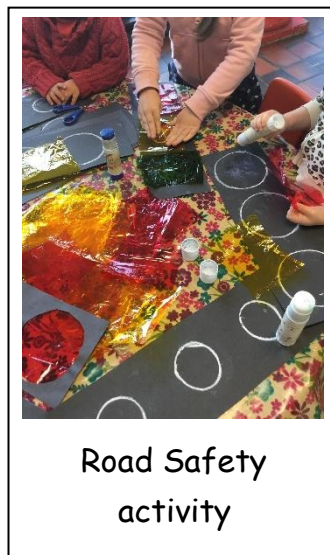
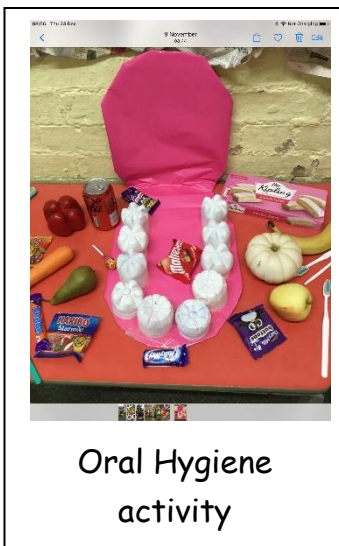
Some of you may remember Alison from when she was with us for a short time from January 2020 to March 2020 and we are delighted to welcome her back.

Emily joins us as a qualified Early Years Practitioner with experience of working with children in a nursery setting.

We are sad to say that it is likely Charlie Upshall will be leaving us at the end of February. He has been wanting to go travelling for quite some time, but due to his love of wanting to stay with us and then COVID restrictions in travelling, he has been with us much longer than he initially planned. We hope very much that after his travels he will come back to us!

Photos

We wanted to share with you some of our nursery photos in this newsletter: -





Our Church outing.



An Autumn walk in the big garden.

Lots of Best Wishes



Pippa



Erika



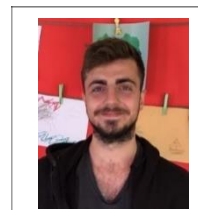
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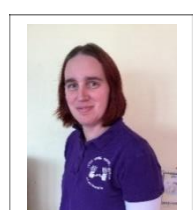
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Term dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September – Friday 22nd October 7 weeks

25th - 29th October Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December 7 weeks

Christmas holiday club

*20th 21st 22nd 23rd December 2020
4th 5th January*

Spring Term 2022

Thursday 6th January – Friday 11th February 5 weeks 2 days

14th – 18th February Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 21st February – Friday April 1st 6 weeks

Easter holiday club 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 11th 12th 13th 14th April

Easter bank holidays 15th and 18th April

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May 5 weeks 3 days

(2nd May bank holiday - closed)

30th May - 1st June Half Term Holiday Club x 3 days

(2nd 3rd June bank holidays - closed)

Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July 7 weeks