



## Our November 2020 Newsletter



It has been a special and busy half term settling our new children at Nursery and welcoming back our older children. We have been learning lots about their interests and they have shown particular interest in sensory activities, singing songs and books.

The children have been fascinated watching the 'Christmas' potatoes growing which they planted - they've grown so quickly and we are now wondering how many potatoes we have beneath the soil.

The children have also now been planting their own daffodil pots ready for Spring time!

Autumn seemed to arrive very quickly and the children have been taking part in lots of different Autumn activities. They loved going for walks in the 'big' garden where they could see the seasonal changes in our environment.

This term we have lots planned and we would really appreciate it, if you join in at home talking about these subjects: -

### **Firework Safety - Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November**



Within this topic at Nursery, there will be lots of creative opportunities to make firework pictures and we will talk about the importance of safety with fireworks. We are aware that some children do not like fireworks and they can feel frightened, so we will also be exploring various emotions within this topic.

### **Children in Need - Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November**

This year, for Children in Need we will not be able to sell cakes/biscuits which have been donated but instead we wanted to raise money for this important charity by having a 'Pudsey Bear' activity week. Children will have opportunity to take part in lots of fun activities such as making 'Pudsey Bear' masks and go on a 'Pudsey Bear Hunt'.



Children are more than welcome to dress up throughout the week in their favourite costumes and on the Friday, we are going to have a Pyjama Day!

,We will take the opportunity to talk with the children about how their activities and the money raised, can help those children who are less fortunate than themselves. Any donations that you may wish to give during this week will be much appreciated.

Road Safety Week - Week Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November

# ROAD SAFETY WEEK

by  Brake, the road safety charity

During Road Safety Week, we will be exploring this subject with the children in different ways with small world toys, role play and group discussions.

We have also been invited by Reverend Susan of St Margaret's Church, to an Autumn Nature walk to the Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We will walk around the Church grounds collecting any Autumnal items and then meet with her 'virtually' when we are back at the Nursery. It will be a great opportunity to discuss with small groups of children the importance of road safety as we walk down to the church.

## Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December



It is 'Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children are more than welcome to dress up in their jumpers on this day or throughout the week - staff are keen to join in too! Again, any donations for this charity would be more than welcome.

## Staff Update

We have welcomed Pippa Anderson to our staff team. She is a parent of a child who previously attended Little Hands, so already knows us well! We are also advertising for a further team member to join us due our increasing children numbers.

## Parents Evening

During the second half of the Autumn term we normally have a Parents Evening. It is a great opportunity to see you and discuss your children with you. However, due to COVID, this year we are unable to do this, but still would like to offer either a 'virtual' appointment or a telephone discussion. If you are interested in either of these options, please could you email Lisa to arrange a convenient time.

## COVID Procedures

We continue to review and update our procedures and the latest updates are being sent to you separately. There are a few changes and we would be really grateful if you could take a moment to read through these.

You will notice that 'Face Masks' have now been added to these guidelines as the Government has included these as a requirement under 'Systems of control'. These masks do not need to be worn when staff are with the children but should be used when close to other adults.

Should you anticipate that you will need to be closer than 2metres to the staff when you drop off, please can wear a face mask and staff will wear one too.

We need to continue to all work together to protect everyone.



### Christmas Holiday Club

Holiday club booking forms are included as an attachment with this newsletter and paper copies are also available if needed. The deadline date for the booking forms to be returned **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Photos

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

#### An Autumn Walk

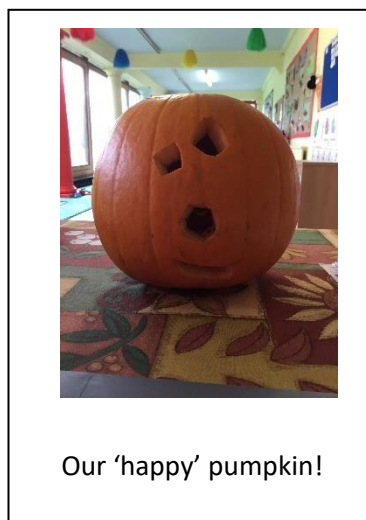


The children were very excited to see a rainbow on their way back from a walk

#### Autumn Activities



Ready for Autumn collages



Our 'happy' pumpkin!



Our 'hedgehog' bread rolls ready for baking!



Planting daffodils



The daffodils are growing already!



Our 'Christmas' potatoes have grown so much!

## Best Wishes

**Lisa, Hayley, Stefan, Charlie U., Tracy, Erika, Charlie W. and Pippa**

### Term Dates Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

- *October Holiday Club - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

- *Christmas Holiday Club - 21st 22nd 23rd December 2020*

### Spring Term 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

- *February Holiday Club - 15th February - 19th February 2021*

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

- *Easter Holiday Club                    29th 30th 31st March 1st April                    6th 7th 8th 9th April*

*(Easter bank holidays - 2nd and 5th April)*

### Summer Term 2021

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

(3<sup>rd</sup> May bank holiday - closed)

- *May Holiday Club - 31st May - 4th June 2020*

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

- *Summer Holiday Club - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021*

**Autumn Term 2021 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**