

# WELCOME TO AUTUMN WINTER 18



Welcome to the Autumn term. The winter weather is fast approaching, and we will be celebrating Christmas before you know it. We have had a wonderful few months and have been especially grateful for the mild weather we have experienced. All of the children have been extremely busy with lots of outings and new opportunities to develop.

We have had a few new members of staff within the last few weeks therefore you may have noticed a few new friendly faces. We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Chloe (babies) and Jodie (floater). We have recently said goodbye to our much-loved cook Bev and Tatiana from the baby room has replaced her. We wish Bev all the luck in her retirement. If we could ask for your understanding that these members of staff are still getting to know our parent's, so they may need clarification when you are arriving to collect your child for security reasons.

## This term's activities

This term we have been learning about 'All creatures great and small'. This has allowed the children to explore and learn about animals of all shapes and sizes, including animals as big as dinosaurs and as small as ants. We have explored their habitats and learned about animals who hibernate during the Autumn and have looked at the marks that animals make with their feet. STOMP STOMP!

Through December we will be learning about animals during the Winter as well as focusing on Christmas activities, arts and crafts.



## Special Dates

Christmas party day – 6<sup>th</sup> of December (Party clothes)

Christmas dinner day – 12<sup>th</sup> December – (Christmas jumper day)

There is an opportunity for playscheme children to attend over the Christmas holidays so please feel free to get in touch if this is something you require.

Christmas Eve – 24<sup>th</sup> December (6.30 – 4.30)

Christmas Day – Closed

Boxing Day – Closed

New Years Eve – (6.30 – 6.00)

January 1<sup>st</sup> - Closed



## Parent's Evening

Thank you all for the lovely turn out that we had for this term's parents' evening. We love the opportunity to show you all what we have been learning about and letting you join in with some of our favourite activities.

# Halloween

We had such a magical day celebrating Halloween with our very own spooky party. We enjoyed making Halloween cupcakes, making witches potions with jelly and sensory items and learning how to carve a face on a pumpkin. The babies enjoyed pumpkin soup messy play and exploring with their fingers and toes. The children made a fantastic effort in dressing up in their costumes with some wonderfully painted faces too.



## Children in Need

We had such a fantastic day celebrating Children in Need. Staff and children all dressed up in pyjamas and we had a sponsored walk around the hospital. We also took some cakes that the children made to sell and the hospital staff were so friendly and allowed us to visit some wards too. We sold nearly all of our cakes and raised a brilliant £336.42! Thank you to everyone who donated and helped us to raise money for such a great cause.

## Gymnastics

We were extremely lucky to be invited for a gymnastics session run by jumping joes in our local recreation centre. All of the children took it in turns to balance on the balancing beam, climb up the climbing frame and practice jumps. They all really enjoyed themselves and were super tired afterwards.

## Try this at home...

- 1/2 cup (125g) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup (80g) brown sugar
- 1 egg, yolk only
- 1/2 cup golden syrup
- 2 1/2 cups (375g) plain flour
- 1 1/2 tbsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- white writing icing
- black writing icing
- red M and Ms MINIS



Just a reminder to all parents to remember to pop in a hat, warm coat and some gloves into your child's bag as the weather is changing but we do still like to make use of our outdoor area. Many thanks.