

WELCOME TO AUTUMN/WINTER

Nursery News

Welcome to the Autumn term, isn't it lovely to see the beautiful colours of Autumn and all of the leaves falling down on the ground. It is a magical time of year and we are looking forward to exploring our surroundings over the next few months. We hope that you are enjoying windy walks and snuggles by the fire. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Sasha to our team. She is already settling in well into our life at nursery and has already been a winner of our employee of the month award.



What's On?

On the first week of December we will be starting our Christmas countdown. We will be making our special Christmas cards and gifts so there may be some messy hands to look forward to. We have organised a trip to the hospital to do a little carol service for the visitors, we are very excited and have been learning some festive songs in preparation.

We would like to remind parents of our play and stay sessions that we hold on a Friday mornings. The sessions are suitable for children under 2 years of age and there are some lovely toys and facilities to be enjoyed. If you, or you have friends that may be interested in this, let them know. Its an hour and a half for £2 9.30am—11am

We would like to inform you that we have been accepted a grant from the local authority, which we will use for improvements in our facility and help towards new resources.

Special Dates

Christmas party	11th December
Christmas dinner / jumper day	19th December
Monday 23rd December hours	Normal opening hours
Christmas eve	6.30am—4.30pm
Christmas day	Closed
Boxing day	Closed
27th December	630am—6.30pm
New years eve	6.30am—5.30pm
New years day	Closed

We have been sending out forms with these dates on, can we request that they are completed and brought back in as soon as possible.



Winter Days

As the winter days are approaching and the cold weather is setting in, can we please take this opportunity to request that your children come to nursery in suitable clothing. We ask that they all have a nice warm coat and a hat as we will still be making use of our outside facilities when possible. We also encourage you to bring in a set of wellies so that we can enjoy splashing in muddy puddles too. As usual can we also ask that your child always has a spare set of clothes in their bag in case of accidents or wet clothing.

Children in need

This children in need we have had a fantastic week raising money. We have done some tasty cooking activities, a cake sale around the hospital and a dress up day. We always love to raise money for this wonderful cause and we will soon be counting up the coins to reveal our total.

Try it at home

You will need: Ready to roll shortcrust pastry, circle cookie cutter and smaller circle or star cookie cutter, icing sugar, a jar of mincemeat, 1 egg, cupcake baking tray.

Flour the work surface.

Roll out the pastry to a suitable thickness.

Use a circle cookie cutter a little bit larger than the size of the holes in your cupcake baking tray. Use these to cut the circle bases and put one into each hole in the tin.

Put a tablespoon of mincemeat mix into each base.

Use a star shaped cookie cutter to cut the tops of the mince pies and lay one on top of each filled pie.

Whisk the cracked egg with a fork and use an egg wash brush to brush gently over each mince pie.

Cook in the middle of a pre heated oven at 180 Fan.

Once cooled, sprinkle icing sugar over the top of each one to display.



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Halloween



Parents evening

We would like to say thank you to all of the parents who attended parents evening this term. It was very successful and we loved seeing our families joining us for some activities and snacks. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to look at your child's books and having a discussion with your child's keyworkers.

Topics

This term the toddlers have been learning about "all about me" where they have learned all about their themselves, their bodies, their families and their likes and dislikes. It has been lovely to see the children playing and learning as well as listening to them talk about what they have been doing. We have learned about the importance of brushing our teeth and washing our hands as well as making good choices with food.

The under two's room have been investigating all things Autumn and have incorporated the Gruffalo into their theme. They all love the Gruffalo story and the animals inside. They have made a Gruffalo crumble as well as Autumn messy play, Gruffalo footprints and have been on welly walks. We have loved making paintbrushes out of natural resources and finding different things to print with.

