



October 2018 Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

October

Monday 29th - 5pm - Parent Partnership Meeting

Wednesday 31st - Photographer in Nursery

November

Thursday 8th - Parents Evening

December

Saturday 1st - Christmas Fayre Date

Friday 14th - Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 19th - Last day of Nursery before Christmas

Thursday 20th - Children's Christmas Party

January

Monday 7th - First day back from Christmas Holiday - Nursery opens 8am

Interests and Activities in Nursery

Piglets

The children have been exploring a variety of sensory materials including leaves, tea, pasta etc. To extend this interest we will continue to introduce different materials for the children to investigate including cornflour with cocoa powder, jelly, instant mashed potato, flour and water, sand and paint, leaves and pine cones etc. These activities will encourage hand-eye co-ordination and enable to children to explore and experiment with a range of media through sensory exploration, using their whole body.

Parent Participation - Please could you and your child find, collect and bring in a variety of Autumn natural resources such as pine cones, leaves, sticks etc.

Tiggers

We have had some new Happy Land toys donated to us and the children are enjoying playing with these, they are noticing the different occupations of the Happy Land people such as fire fighter, police, post person etc. This interest will be extended by providing dressing up clothes, books about occupations and role-play. These activities will encourage the children to show an interest in different occupations and ways of life. Towards the end of the month the children will also have an opportunity to join in with a variety of Halloween related activities.

Parent Participation - Talk with your child about the different occupations of family and friends.

Christopher Robins

The children have been making patterns that leave marks in a variety of ways such as bubble painting and are starting to notice different colours when they mix paints together. These interests will be extended by offering a variety of activities such as leaf printing, straw painting, conker painting, butterfly painting and mixing different colours of paint. We will also be looking at and discussing the changing colours of the leaves as we move into autumn. These activities will encourage the children to talk about things that they observe and to explore how colours can be changed.

Parent participation - When you are out for a walk with your child please look for and collect a variety of Autumn natural resources and bring them into nursery for the children to make pictures with, thank you.

Nursery News

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property in the nursery, please look through the box outside Christopher Robins if your child has lost any clothing.

Please can you all check at home for a dinosaur coat, as a child has lost one, just in case you have taken it home by mistake, thank you.

Remember to label all of your children's clothes with their name as this will help ensure that items of clothing are not misplaced or lost.

Jasmin

We are looking forward to welcoming Jasmin back to nursery from Maternity leave on Monday 29th October.

Parent Partnership Group

The Nursery set up the Parent Partnership Group so that parents can meet on a regular basis with the manager to discuss ideas for improving the nursery and parental involvement activities such as the Christmas and Summer Fayre's, family teas, parent information evening etc. The Parent Partnership Group meet at least three times a year - January, April and September with additional meetings planned when needed for example to discuss the Christmas Fayre in more detail. All parents and grandparents are welcome to come along to the meetings and become involved, if this is not possible due to other commitments you are more than welcome to contact me via e-mail or speak to Becky with ideas for discussions at the meetings. The Parent Partnership Group is not for raising concerns or issues within the nursery, therefore, please speak to Becky if you have any concerns so that I can deal with them immediately.

The next Parent Partnership meeting is on Monday 29th October 2018 to discuss the final arrangements for the Christmas Fayre.

Photographer

The photographer will be in nursery Wednesday 31st October 9am to 2pm. These photographs make wonderful Christmas Gifts. If your child does not attend nursery on a Wednesday and you would like them to have their photograph taken please book an appointment in the office, thank you.

Parents Evening - Thursday 8th November 6-8pm

Please book an appointment for Parents Evening with your child's key person in the room. If this date is not convenient please make an alternative date and time with your child's key person.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 1st December 11am to 1pm

The Christmas Fayre is booked for Saturday 1st December, it will be here before you know it!! If you know anyone who would like to have stall please ask them to contact the nursery by e-mail nursery@bcot.ac.uk or telephone 01256 306213. Any donations for the raffle or tombola will be gratefully received, please drop them off at the office. If you would like to help at the Christmas Fayre please speak to a member of staff. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Staff Profile



Hello my name Alba. I have been at BCoT nursery for just two weeks and I am enjoying it. I'm from Spain and I live here with two friends. I was studying in Spain at the University for four years and then I came here as an Au Pair. After that I started in a nursery in Hook and worked there for a year and now I am here at BCoT learning new things and living another experience. I am level 6 qualified (QTS) and I have attended other courses such as First Aid and Safeguarding. I love dogs and spending time with my friends and family.