



## November 2019 Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

November	<b>Monday 4th - Photographer in Nursery - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b> <b>Friday 15th - Children in Need</b>
December	<b>Saturday 7th - Christmas Fayre</b> <b>Friday 13th - Christmas Jumper Day</b> <b>Wednesday 18th - Last nursery day before Christmas - Nursery closes 6pm</b> <b>Thursday 19th - Christmas Party Day</b>
January 2020	<b>Monday 6th - First day back after Christmas - Nursery opens 8am</b>

### Interests and Activities in Nursery

#### Roos

The children are really enjoying the sensory bottles at the moment and are exploring the sounds that the different bottles make. We will extend this interest by encouraging the children to use the bottles as musical instruments while singing along to songs and rhymes that we sing to them. We will concentrate on animal rhymes to encourage the children to learn animal names and sounds that they make. These activities will encourage the children to imitate words and sounds and to pass toys from one hand to another.

**Parent participation** - Our Family Display board is starting to look really good, if you have not already done so please can you provide some family photos for us to add to this display, thank you.

#### Piglets

The children have been enjoying joining in with parachute games as a group. This interest will be extended to include adding different coloured balls, balloons and bubbles to their play. These will be rolled, under and on the parachute for the children to find. These activities will encourage the children to begin to learn that some things are shared and to understand simple sentences.

**Parent participation** - The children are also taking an interest in the toy mobile phones. Any donations of old mobile phones that you no longer use would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

#### Tiggers

The children are continuing to be interested in different sensory play, which has included slime and pumpkins. We will extend this interest by introducing more natural objects for them to explore such as sticks, conkers, leaves, pinecones etc. These objects will be used with small world equipment and also for art and craft activities encouraging the children to notice detailed features of objects in their environment and to begin to be interested in and describe the texture of things.

**Parent participation** - If you are out on a walk with your child please encourage them to collect sticks, leaves, pinecones etc and bring them into nursery for our activities, thank you.

#### Christopher Robins

Now the evenings are darker the children are beginning to take an interest in lights. We will extend this interest by introducing the light box, light table, torches and dark den into the room. We will also be talking about fireworks and the children will have an opportunity to create firework pictures.

These activities will encourage the children to use talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences.

**Parent participation** – When you are out with your child please discuss different lights with them and what they are used for, such as, fireworks, streetlights to be able to see the path, car lights to be able to see where you are going on the road etc.

### Nursery News

#### Photographer (Please note change of date)

The photographer is in nursery on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November between 9:30am to 1:30pm. If your child does not attend nursery on a Monday and you would like your child to have their photograph taken please make an appointment in the office.

#### Parents Evening

Don't forget it is Parents Evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, if you have not done so already please book an appointment with your child's key person from 6pm to 7:30pm. If you are unable to make this date please ask your child's key person to book another day and time for you. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Tapestry

It's that time again when the staff members have been busy completing Record of Developments for each child which means that unfortunately some of the children's observations have not been completed. We are working on this and will get the backlog of observations uploaded as soon as possible. We would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and patience in this matter.

#### Christmas Fayre - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Don't forget our Fayre this year is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11am to 1pm. We already have a few stalls booked including Usborne Books, Cross-stitch and Henna. If you know anyone who would like to have a stall or would like to help on the day please speak to either Becky or Jasmin. Also any donations you would like to make towards our raffle or tombola would be gratefully received, thank you.

#### Children's Christmas Party

We are holding our Christmas Party for the children on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10am to 12pm, which you and your child will be, invited to attend. When you receive your invitation, please reply to it as soon as possible so that we can cater for the correct number of people attending, thank you.

#### Policies of the month

We continually review and update our policies and from this month. I am introducing policies of the month where I will attach a couple of our policies as a reminder and for you to read through. If you would like a copy of a policy, please speak to the office. We welcome any feedback or suggestions on any policy or procedure, please speak to Becky if you have any. The attached policies this month are Illness, Medication and Immunisation and Feeding Babies. I have also attached the PHE Guidance on Infection Control.

## Staff Profile

### Emma Baker



Hello, my name is Emma Baker. I studied Level 3 childcare at Basingstoke College of Technology and worked at a nursery in Basingstoke for a while. I then decided to travel and work abroad in different areas of childcare such as Crèche and Kids Club in Greece and Spain. I worked for the biggest entertainment company in the world on a Disney ship based in the nursery, I was also a Nanny in France, Australia and London. I love animals especially rodents and have four guinea pigs and a hamster. In my spare time, I enjoy going to town, the cinema, the beach and seeing my friends.