



October 2020 Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

October 2020

15th & 16th – Photographer – Cancelled due to COVID:19

November 2020

Tuesday 3rd November – Tiggers Parents Evening

Wednesday 4th November – Roos Parents Evening

Wednesday 11th November – Christopher Robins Parents Evening

Thursday 12th November – Piglets Parents Evening

December 2020

Wednesday 16th – Nursery closes 6pm for the Christmas Holiday

Thursday 17th – Possible Children's Christmas Party – Unfortunately we will not be able to hold a Christmas Party this year

January 2021

Monday 4th – Nursery re-opens 8am after the Christmas Holiday

Interests and Activities in Nursery

Roos, Piglets, Tiggers and Christopher Robins

The children in all rooms are settling into nursery really well, whether they have returned to nursery after lockdown or are new to our setting. As the weather is changing the children are having an opportunity to explore and investigate a range of natural autumn materials such as conkers, leaves, sycamore seeds etc. We are encouraging the children to notice and talk about the different weather such as sunny, windy, rainy etc. All these activities encourage the children to select familiar objects by name, develop an understanding of changes over time and to build up a vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.

Parent participation – Encourage your child to notice and talk about the changing weather. For example talk about how the wind feels in their hair, what clothes they need to wear and why, such as coats, hats etc. Encourage them to jump in puddles wearing wellington boots. Also while you are on a walk with you child please collect leaves, conkers, fir cones, seeds etc. and bring them into nursery for your child to share with the other children and staff, thank you.

COVID:19 Update

We have had new Government Guidelines issued and are working through them at the moment. We will be updating our COVID:19 Operating procedures and Risk Assessments. We will share these with you once they have been updated.

Some of you may have heard in the news that a college staff member had tested positive. Although this is scary news it does not affect the nursery in any way as we have not come into contact with this staff member. The college has a comprehensive COVID:19 plan and are working hard to ensure the safety of all just as we are in the nursery. Just to make you aware to ensure that we keep all age groups of children apart as much as possible we take children to their rooms and bring them out from their rooms individually unless the children are based in the same room or are siblings. Unfortunately this may mean you have to wait a little longer at drop off and collection, thank you for your support and understanding in this area.

Tapestry

I am sure you are all aware of the increased workload that all of the staff are under, including Jasmin and myself, due to COVID:19 and unfortunately this is having an impact on the staffs ability to take as many observations of the

children and the time for Jasmin and myself to check and upload the observations. We are doing our best and I would like to ask for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Parents Evening

We have thought long and hard on how we can offer a parents evening meeting for you so that you can speak to your child's Key person and find out from them how your children are getting on in nursery, and have decided that the best option would be to offer an online meeting via Google meet. If you would like a meeting you must send an e-mail asking for a meeting and an invitation will then be sent to you. The meeting time will be limited to 15 minutes per child. Each room will be having a different Parent Evening date, please see above for dates.

Winter Menu

From 5th October the children will be enjoying our Winter Menu, I have attached this for your information. If you would like a hard copy of the menu please ask for one when you drop off or collect your child from Nursery.

Staffing

I am pleased to announce that Chloe will be returning to nursery from Maternity leave on 19th October 2020 for four days a week meaning that she will no longer be Head of Room in Roos and will be based in Christopher Robins Room.

We have three new full time members of staff, Archana who started working in September based in Roos/Piglets, Melodie will be working full time from the middle of October based in Christopher Robins, and she is already one of our flexi-support team. Deepika who will be joining us at the beginning of November based in Tiggers. We also have a new flexi-support team member Rabia. We are all looking forward to working with them all.