



Nursery News

Autumn and Halloween



Dear Parents

Your children are all settling in well to the routines of the Nursery and are already learning how to share and take turns, how to make friends and play together, how to listen to stories, sing songs and have freedom to explore and communicate with each other.



The newsletters will let you know about the current theme and provide details of some songs and rhymes you could sing with your child. Please keep an eye on our [SeeSaw app](#) which will remind you about our monthly topics. Also remember to check out our school website which will be updated regularly with different photos of any events we have in the nursery.

This month's themes are Autumn and Halloween. We will be talking about the changes that happen in autumn time. On the way to school you could point out the changes - look out for leaves falling off the trees and talk about the colours of the leaves. We will have a visit to the Nursery from Mike (the owl man) on Wednesday 14th November who will bring along some animals connected to our autumn theme.

As part of our Emotional Intelligence and PATHS programme we will be focusing on one emotion a month with the children. In October the children will become familiar with the emotion Happiness.

More news on our PATHS programme to follow



As part of our Self-help Independence programme we are encouraging all children to become more independent during toileting routines. Please give your child the opportunity to become more confident with their own personal care and hygiene, i.e. taking down and pulling up school trousers, washing and drying hands, cleaning themselves, cleaning noses

"Early Mathematical Experiences" is part of the nursery curriculum. Each month we will be asking you to help support your child's learning at home by focusing on one area. In October we ask you to talk to your child about colour- naming colours, helping to find colours at home and sorting for different colours.



Language/phrases that we are using daily in the nursery.

Walking Feet

Talking Voice

Kind hands

Listening ears

Empty hands

Busy Hands

Criss cross legs

Making good choices

Please find attached some songs and poems for our topics, Autumn and Halloween. It would be helpful if you could go over these with your child. Remember we will be finishing on Friday 23rd October and school will finish at 12.30pm that day for the Halloween break. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, no dressing up costumes will be allowed this year. School will remain closed until Monday 2nd November.

In October, we hope that parents from each class will join their children to take part in a class Gardening Club. This will last approximately 30 minutes and we would ask that parents observe social distancing guidelines. More information and dates to follow



As part of our Getting Ready to Learn initiative (Big Bedtime Read), we hope to provide each child with an activity pack. These are currently on order and we will let you know when they arrive.



We will be starting to send home **Teaching packs** in red rucksacks after Halloween every second Thursday. Please return the **Teaching Pack the following Wednesday** so we can have time, due to COVID-19 restrictions, to have new packs ready for the following Thursday. Reminders of the relevant dates will be sent out on SeeSaw. They are valuable learning resources to encourage you to work and play at home with your child. We would appreciate it if you could record some comments in your child's individual little book each week so we can see how you are enjoying playing with your child.

We will be introducing two programmes to the nursery very soon

Happy Healthy
Kids



Big Bedtime Read

Important Reminders

Please remember to phone the school before 9.30 if your child is going to be absent and not in school for dinners.

If your child is sick (vomiting or diarrhoea) please keep them at home for 48 hours after their last sick episode to ensure the spread of 'bug' is limited within the setting.

Please also be aware of COVID-19 symptoms and if your child displays any of these symptoms, they must not come to school.

We would kindly remind parents of our school's one way in and one way out system and the need to observe social distancing and the wearing of a mask on school grounds.

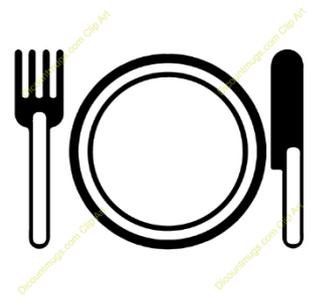
Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1 st October	Please give your name to Cathy if you are interested in taking part in a Parent Workshop in the nursery - All Welcome. Please also see the attached flyer for the first day of our Gardening Club.
Tuesday 13 th October	Fitness Freddy is in the Nursery for an energetic dance session to pop music with all the children and staff 
Wednesday 14 th October	Mike the Owl Man will be visiting our nursery to show us some beautiful owls and other wild creatures.
Tuesday 20 th October	Jump Jiggle and Jive Session Jemma will be in the nursery to help us enjoy a very lively physical movement and dance lesson. 
Thursday 22 nd October	Mr Hullabaloo will be coming to the Nursery to put on the "Not Scary Halloween" show. This is a theatre group that comes to school and puts on a live show for the children. 
Friday 23 rd October	On this day children will have a Halloween celebration, although unfortunately no costumes can be worn to school this year. School will close at 12:30pm after dinner for the mid-term break.
<p><u>Mid Term Break</u></p> <p>Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October (inclusive)</p> <p>School re-opens on Monday 2nd November at usual times</p>	



Please note: As part of our COVID-19 risk assessment, all visitors to our school are adhering to our visitor's policy and ensuring that all measures are put in place to keep each class bubble safe.

How to help your child at home:



Most children have now started dinner in the nursery, and you could help your child become confident with this routine at home:

- Encourage your child to feed themselves giving them some extra time to eat at dinner time. Try not to feed your child.
- Give your child a knife and fork and encourage them to use proper cutlery to eat their dinner. You could help by showing them how to hold and how to use. Try not to use spoons for dinner.
- Give your child lots of praise and encouragement for trying to use the cutlery and also for tasting all sorts of new food.

This will really help your child during the dinner time routine, making them more independent and make dinner time with their friends more enjoyable.