



ENJOYING THE COLD, DRY WEATHER.....HAPPY AUTUMN!!!

Dear parents and carers,

We hope everyone had a lovely October half-term and a lovely few days together!

Enjoying Autumn time!

As we move into the second half of this term we will be looking and learning about winter time, a wide variety of celebrations and special times with our families.

The children have already been exploring and learning about light and dark, seasonal animals and changes in nature as the weather gets colder.

Save the Date!
On Sunday 4th
December 35pm we invite
children and
their parent to come along
to our Sunny Days
Company Christmas Party
for some games and fun!
Parents will be
responsible for their own
child.
Look out for your ticket!

Story and Rhyme of the Month

The children have shown a particular interest in the Autumn changes happening around us so our story is 'The Lonely Scarecrow.' After we read this we made our own scarecrow, which was amazing! This links nicely to our song.



The song of the month is Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. Please join in with your children at home as they sing to you!

We will be holding a parents evening on the 1st December 5.30-7.30pm - as usual this is an informal event with mince pies and mulled wine. We hope you can join us!

Happy Birthday to!!!

Katie-Ella 11th
Jaxon 14th
Charlene 18th
Mason and Liam 20th
Isabella 27th

New Staff

As our teams keep growing you will see some new practitioners join us. We hope that you are as excited as us to welcome them!



Remembrance Day 11th November – we have Poppies tins in to support our soldiers, if you can please donate a few pence to the Poppy Appeal.

Attendance/Illness

It is vital that you let us know if your child is going to be absent – all children's attendance is now recorded and monitored as part of our Ofsted requirements, however we still have children who are absent without notification.

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Happy Fireworks Night everyone! Remember have fun but be safe – to see your Firework Safety Code click on the link below:

http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/sit es/default/files/downloads/the_fire works_safety_code.pdf

Christmas Term dates –

Funding finishes 16th Dec 16 Last day – 23rd Dec 16 Re-open Tuesday 3rd Jan 17 Funding returns Monday 9th Jan 17

Letter and Sounds

At pre-school we focus on Phase one and over the school year we plan regular activities to support the 7 different aspects through child and adult led activities.

Each aspect is divided into 3 strands and develops children ability to

- Listen to sounds
- Listen and remember
- Talk about sounds

This term is Aspect 2 -

Instrumental Sounds

Planned activities this term will be promoting speaking and listening through the use of musical instruments (either purchased or made by the children)

Activity At Home-

Why not take a song or rhyme the children know well and invent new words to suit the purpose and the children's interest. Use percussion instruments to accompany the new lyrics.

Taking time to respond

<u>Top tips for talking</u> (Wiltshire Council)

How you can help –Try comments not questions Why? - Because lots of questions can feel like a test, so try to make it a 2 way conversation. Comment on what they are doing and what is happening. Repeat what you say – it's good for children to hear words and sentences lots of times. It helps them to learn and understand new words