



# News

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## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October: **Individual Photographs** for children in nursery this day only

10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October: **Grandparents Week**

24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October: **Half Term** (term time only children)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October: **Individual Photographs** appointments only (there will be a list in Reception soon)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October: **Halloween Bake Sale**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October: **Pumpkin Competition** vote for your favourite pumpkin carved by each room

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November: **Children in Need** (further details to follow)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: **Parents' Evening** a social occasion to chat about your children and share mince pies, 6.15pm-8pm (not for the little ones)!

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December: **Christmas Party** 2.30-4.30pm (all pre-school children are invited, even if not your child's usual day to attend)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: **Christmas Performance** - 4.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Sawston (more details to follow)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December: **End of Term** (term time only children)

**Christmas closure**: We will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 and open on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

## Harvest

Revd. Alan Partridge will visit us on 12<sup>th</sup> October to talk to the children about Harvest. As usual, we invite you to make a donation of dried or tinned food which will be passed to John Huntingdon's Charity for their emergency food boxes. There are quite a number of families in need in the village and a donation of food is gratefully received. We do have a donation basket in Reception all year round.

## Calls to Nursery

If your child has just started at the nursery or recently moved rooms, please do not hesitate to talk to the staff members in the new room about how he/she is settling and any concerns you may have. If you would like to know how they are during the day, just pick up the phone - 01223 472018 - we are always happy to talk to you. Please can we ask you to try not to call between 12.00pm-2.00pm as the younger children are asleep and it is noisy to put calls through. It is also a very busy lunch period and if no one answers please leave a message on the answerphone. Thank you.

## Here comes Autumn/Winter!

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please ensure your child has a coat, hat, mittens/gloves and wellies at nursery for outdoor play. Thank you.

## Request from Orange Room

Could you please save the scoops from tins of baby formula for an activity in Orange Room, please hand into Reception or Orange Room. Thank you.

## **Fee Payments**

We are receiving a lot of cash payments again, please can we ask if you would pay via Standing Order or by a Direct Payment online? We can only get to the bank to make deposits once every two weeks and this may affect your cash flow and ours! As of January 2017 we will no longer be accepting cash payments for fees. Many thanks.

## **Session Times**

Please can we remind you that the collection time for children which attend morning only sessions is 1pm, your children should not be in the room after this time. These times must be adhered to as we will not be within ratio. Equally, the afternoon session starts at 1.30pm and you will be asked to wait in reception if you arrive early. The nursery must close at 6pm promptly and all children must be collected by this time. A late collection fee will be charged. Thank you.

## **Skill Sharing**

Do you have an interesting career and could share stories about your work with the children, i.e. scientist, police, dentist, doctor, vet, paramedic, fire fighter, pilot etc. You may play an instrument or could tell us about a religious festival. If you would like to share your knowledge or skills please speak to Tina, Clair or a Room Leader. Many thanks.

## **Staff News**

- Welcome back to Lindsey Debnam who is returning after her maternity leave and will be joining the Floating Team.

### **Happy October Birthday to:**

**Charlie, Ethan, Isaac, Sophie, Jesse, Eneko, Tom, Annousheh, Lydia, Toby, Jack and Leah**

### **Welcome to:**

**Megan, Harry, Benjamin, Olivia M, Daisy, Lucas, Matilda, Olivia N, Taylor, William and Elliot**

## **Employee of the Month**

Thank you for your nominations last year, we shall continue to recognise staff who have gone over and above their role at the Nursery. The winners are:

- December 2015 - Michelle Williams, Purple Room (nominated by a parent)
- January - Gemma Muir, Yellow Room (nominated by a member of staff)
- February - Ann Lander, Kitchen Assistant AM (nominated by a member of staff)
- March - Emma Gouldthorp, Orange Room (nominated by a member of staff)
- April - Zoe Ashard, Purple Room (nominated by two parents)
- May - Natalie Wright, Karen Salter & Michelle Williams (all nominated by parents)
- June - Shani Wright, Marc Izard & Emma Sterecki (all nominated by parents)
- July - Kelly Dunne & Michelle Ballantyne
- August - Zoe Ashard, Emily Birtwhistle & Shania Moorcroft
- September - Marc Izard and Zoe Ashard (nominated by members of staff)

If you wish to nominate a member of staff throughout the year for anything which you feel deserves this recognition, please feel free to e-mail us or speak to Tina.