



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our November 2019 Newsletter everyone!



As the leaves begin to change colour and the weather is becoming wild and windy, the seasons provide us with opportunities to inspire children's learning.

We are able to explore the changing landscape and its wildlife, wrapping up warm to build dens and play outside with our friends or celebrating festivals with friends and family. Autumn is a great time of year to investigate the world around us.

A Message from the Bluebell & Buttercup Room

Welcome to Bluebell and Buttercup Room.

November brings firework fun into the Buttercup and Bluebell Rooms. We are looking forward to offering a wide range of colourful, stimulating activities to create our own magical fireworks with the children.

November also brings dark evenings so we will be exploring our 'In the Night Sky' theme. We will venture outside to look at the stars and moon and will be learning about what else we might see in the sky at night.

We will also be creating dark spaces in the setting enabling us to enjoy some wonderful sensory experiences with the children.

We would like to ask parent/carers to ensure they are bringing coats, gloves and shoes for the children now the weather has changed as it gets very chilly outside. Although we are lucky that our outdoor area is undercover, it still gets cold and damp.

Polite Note

If we could remind all parents to remove their shoes before they enter the room and remove your children's shoes. We would like to ask that all children bring in a pair of shoes to wear in the garden if your child is 'up and about' on their feet and to remember to bring in your child's water beaker, which will be familiar to them.

What's happening in the Daffodil Room?

Welcome to Daffodil Room.

During November, Daffodil room will continue focusing on Autumn time, through looking at the changes in the leaves.

We will be exploring our senses through textured and messy play involving leaves, pumpkins and scented playdough. The other topics/themes in the room will be, fireworks night and Remembrance Day, creating beautiful pictures, rockets and poppies.

Please could we ask that all parents/carers remember to sign your child in and out of the nursery in line with Health and Safety and Safeguarding policies.

Please could you provide a pair of named wellington boots for your child so we can change into these whilst playing and exploring in the woodland area during our Outdoor Learning sessions.

A Message from Poppy Room

Welcome to Poppy Room.

In our room, we will be continuing with our autumn topic, exploring the texture of leaves, pinecones and other natural resources we can find. The children will also be looking at and talking about the changing colours outside at this time of the year.

We hope to incorporate bonfire night and make our own colourful fireworks related art and share our own experiences and knowledge related to fireworks.

Children will be given the opportunity to make poppies, to help us remember the soldiers of the Second World War, Remembrance Day, whilst exploring and using a variety of materials.

Furthermore, Poppy Room will be using autumn to compare colours, shapes and sizes to support our exploration and curiosity skills further and compare similarities in objects we find.

When we 'go out and about' on our walks, we will talk about autumn and make connections with the use of stories about the weather changes and autumn animals. During our walks, the children will collect autumn objects to use in our sensory play and to create discussions and conversations about autumn time.

If Parents could bring in a named water bottle every day and remember to take it home for a wash at the end of the session, we would be grateful.

Furthermore, please could we have a pair of **named wellies** for your child and **warm clothing** for colder weather conditions.

Finally, please ensure your child has a couple of spare sets of clothes in their bag just in case your child gets wet during play or has an accident.

Sunflower Room

Welcome to Sunflower Room.

A busy few weeks in Sunflower room, with so much to explore and celebrate.

Our topic of 'Room on the Broom' is the start of our journey whilst developing knowledge in 'Understanding the World', which is part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

We thoroughly enjoyed our film night on Friday 25th October, celebrating Halloween with lots of witchy, spooky crafts and messy play. We hope all the children had a lot of fun and thank you all for coming along. We raised £65 in total, which will be used to purchase resources for the Sunflower Room. Thank you to everyone who supported this fun fundraising evening.

We also celebrated the Hindu festival of lights, Diwali, on Monday 28th October giving the children the opportunity to learn about different celebrations in the world.

Bonfire night on Tuesday 5th November is still to come and we are looking forward to sharing stories about this event. We will be listening to a simple story to support our understanding of customs and cultures and finally on Monday 11th November we will be walking to the War Memorial to lay our homemade poppies in remembrance of our soldiers who fought in the Second World War.

Can we please ask that you return any borrowed clothes as soon as possible. We have sent children home in lots of nursery clothes and our supplies are running low.

Please continue supporting your children in being independent in putting on socks and shoes and coats along with using the toilet, it really does help us out in the day. If parents could please remember to take home your child's water bottle every day for washing, this would be appreciated.



Staff News

Staff Award Nominations:

Well done to the staff below for receiving a nomination this month for being recognised for your work in the nursery.

Thank you to all my magnificent team who work so hard to provide a quality service to children and their families.

Emma WD - For settling children into the Poppy Room and supporting families out of her working hours.

Shani W - For welcoming children into the room at the beginning of the day and being so flexible, reliable and willing to go that 'extra mile'.

Hannah I - For being such a great team player, capturing children's attention during group story time and supporting the team.

Tracy B - For her happy smile when families come into and leave nursery and for welcoming new staff into the nursery.

Remember if you wish to nominate a member of staff in the nursery for something specific please write your nomination on the post-it notes at the reception desk and post in the nominations box. Alternatively, you can e-mail Tina with your nomination.

Parent's evening 19th November

We would like to ask that parent/carers attend without their child/ren. The staff would like to give every parent/carer quality time to discuss and celebrate their child's achievements and goals.

We understand that finding childcare can be problematic therefore, if this does prove difficult, we would like to ask you to make a daytime appointment with your child's keyworker or consider attending on your own and feeding back to the parent at home.

Church Christmas Carols 10th December

Sunflower Room, Poppy Room and Daffodil Room children will be walking to church for this event. We will be walking the children down approximately 4pm to start at 4.30pm prompt, with a 5pm finish. If you would like to take your child home straight after the event, please do remember to sign your children out with your child's room leader.

We look forward to seeing parents, grandparents and siblings at this event.

Buttercup and Bluebell Room will be having their own Christmas gathering to include some Christmas songs on Thursday 19th December 2019 in their rooms. If your child does not normally attend nursery on Thursday, they will still be welcome to join us, if we can just remind parents that you will be responsible for your own children due to ratios in the room already being allocated to the children already in nursery.

Therefore, you will need to accompany your child and stay with them during the Christmas gathering.



Children in Need Week 11th - 15th November

A raffle will be running for this week and will be drawn on the Friday approximately 5pm. All proceeds will go to Children in Need.

We will be holding a Teddy Bears Picnic Tea on Tuesday 12th November - If all children could bring a Teddy in for this event.

PJs or Fancy-Dress Day will be on Friday 15th November - Contributions welcome.

Facebook

Just a reminder to all families that we have a **closed Facebook group** for parents/carers whose children currently attend the nursery.

So, if you want to join us go to the Sawston Nursery page and put in your request.

This is a good place to share ideas and ask questions about child development and the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

New Starters


If your child has recently started at the nursery, please do not hesitate to talk to the staff members in the classroom, for information on how he/she is settling and to discuss any concerns you may have.

We understand that parting with your child at nursery can be an anxious time for some parents, so we are happy for you to call the nursery during the day where we can transfer you to your child's classroom and give you an update on their day. Just pick up the phone and call us on - **01223 472018** - we are happy to help. However, please can we ask you to try not to call between 12.00pm-2.00pm as the younger children are asleep and it is a very busy time during the lunch period for staff. If you call and receive no answer, please leave us a message and we will ensure that someone returns your call.

Happy November Birthday to:
Eva P, Leo H, Nina L, Jacob D, Joshua P, Phoebe M, Freddie R

Happy November Birthday to our staff:
Shania M & Tracey R

Some Important Dates for your Diary 2019

Children in Need Week!	11 th to 15 November 2019	
Parents Evening	19 th November 2019	
St Andrews Day	30 th November 2019	
Late night shopping	6 th December 2019	
St Mary's Church Carolling (Details TBC)	10 th December 2019	
Christmas Jumper Day	13 th December 2019	
Christmas Party	13 th December 2019	
Christmas Dinner	18 th December 2019	
Buttercup & Bluebell Christmas Gathering	19 th December 2019	
Christmas Closure	1pm Christmas Eve 2019	
Nursery Re-Opens	2 nd January 2020	
Musical Bumps	(Second Thursday of the month)	
Training Day Nursery Closed	7 th May 2020	
Training Day Nursery Closed	1 st September 2020	

Further information will be sent to you regarding the above events via e-mail so please keep a look out for details, as sometimes changes to dates are unavoidable and could change.

Thank you for your continued support from all the staff at Sawston Nursery
Best Wishes

Tina and the Sawston Team