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Newsletter November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Fundraising

Forthcoming fundraising events for the nursery include the Cheadle lights switch on which takes place 17th November, where we will be running the Santa's Grotto so please come along and meet Santa and his helpers. Bishop Rawle are holding their Christmas Fayre on Friday 30th November at 3.30 and have asked if we would like to join them. Lastly we will be holding our own Christmas raffle. Please support us at these events to help raise funds to improve our setting for the benefit of all children.

Policies

All policies remain the same and these are available for you to read in each room.

Staff Training and Development

We have completed a short course on Planning in the Moment and will be putting this into practice from next term. This is something we feel quite passionate about and enables us to make the most of how your children are developing and acting on their impulses, interests and learning straight away so we do not miss any opportunities in their development and learning.

Holidays

Staff have got holidays booked from now until Christmas, however this will not interrupt with the children's learning and development as other staff are on hand to take over.

News

As you are aware Sharna left us quite quickly before the October break and we have been busy looking for a new member of staff. We are pleased to inform you that Belinda Plant will be joining our team, she has over 9 years' experience of working in a nursery so will be an excellent addition to our setting. We wish Sharna all the best with her new job.

As Sharna worked in the Pre-school room we have had to move the staff around to accommodate Sharna's keyworker group and the after-school. Clare has expressed an interest in working within this room and taking on this responsibility, she has already made a good start in working with this keyworker group. As we all work with the after-school children we have decided to share this role between us with the different activities and experiences that we each can offer to them. Clare will be taking on the lead in this area with any administration.

Belinda will then take over from Clare in the nursery room, this age group of children is where Belinda has most of her experience. We hope you join us in welcoming her to our setting.

All Keyworker groups can be found in the rooms - if you are unsure of who your child's key worker is then please feel free to ask.

We are always looking to work closely with parents for the best possible outcomes for your child so therefore if you have anything you would like to share with us then please do so.

Can we please remind parents that all booked sessions need to be paid for and any time your child is here outside of those booked times will be chargeable. This also includes your funded hours, even if all hours are not used, as staff hours are done accordingly to your requirements. If additional times are required please speak to a member of staff to see if we can accommodate, this is for safeguarding reasons with regards to remaining within our ratios.

Parent and child packs will be sent out shortly so we can share the learning at home, there will be guidance inside the pack to help you. We hope you find these informative and use them with your child.

We will be holding our Christmas Concert / Parent Afternoon on Tuesday 18th December 1.00-3.00, the children will be learning many songs so we can entertain you and as always lots of fun activities and refreshments will be available.

The Christmas parties for all will take place on Wednesday 19th December 9.00-3.00 for all nursery and pre-school children and 3.15-5.30 for after-school. This day is free of charge and all we ask is that you bring in a food item. Please inform a member of staff if your child will be attending and pick a food lotto. We will be joining in with school and the entertainer who will be attending that afternoon.

We have been busy making poppies for Remembrance Day, our display can be found in Little Monsters in the high street.

As always we are looking for new trustees to help with the running of the nursery. If you are interested please speak to Becci or Linzee who can explain more about this role.

Important Dates

Monday 5th November - Funding begins

Monday 12th - Friday 16th November - Children In Need - dress in your nightwear

Friday 30th November - Christmas Fayre at Bishop Rawle 3.30

Friday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 18th December - Christmas Concert/Parent afternoon

Wednesday 19th December - Party day with an entertainer at school for the younger children

Friday 21st December - Christmas Service at church 9.30

Friday 21st December - Funding ends and nursery closes

Wednesday 2nd January - Nursery opens - please let us know if you require any care this week

Monday 7th January - Funding begins