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Dear Parents/Carers

Big welcome back to all our children and hope you have had a lovely fun filled summer break. This term we are introducing some new children into both of our rooms and making some new friends. Another opportunity to come and play is our Grandparents Afternoon which will take place on Thursday 28th September (if we have enough grandparents to attend, so please let a member of staff know if they are attending).

For Halloween this year we wanted to try something new, buy your child a pumpkin and carve it and then it will be entered into our Pathways Pumpkin Contest. All pumpkins must be in nursery by Thursday 26th October. Prizes for the winners. Have Fun! A Halloween Cauldron Raffle will also be sold all that week, £1.00 per ticket.

Fundraising

Vicky Walker is doing a fundraising event over the month of October by running 100k and all money raised will be donated to the Nursery to help with resources for the children. If you would like to donate and sponsor her then information will be available shortly on how to do this.

We have decided to do another Christmas shopping night as last year this was a great success. If anyone would like to book a table, then please approach a member of staff. This will take place on Tuesday 7th November at 5.30pm in the school hall.

We have started to buy some new and exciting resources for the children, hopefully the children will love them and get lots of learning opportunities from them.

Policies

All policies are available on our website and are updated regularly for you to access. Please ask a member of staff if you would like a copy or any.

Staff Development

Clare Cartlidge is coming to the end of her training for Level 5 Senior Practitioner and is doing well. Vicky Walker will be doing her SENCO Level 3 Training and some Communication and Language training which will help with children's learning.

News

We are welcoming Oriann Darby back from her maternity leave the week beginning the 9th October returning 3 days a week in the baby room.

Just a little reminder that we do take the children outside in all weathers so the appropriate clothing i.e., coats, wellies would make this a more enjoyable experience for them. (We do have spare wellies as well.)

If you haven't already, could we please have a copy of your child's birth certificate for the funding please. We can copy these for you if this is a problem. This is very important.

Health and Safety

To keep all staff and other children well, a kind reminder that sickness and diarrhoea is 48 hours from the last episode.

Please remember to close the pre-school gate when you enter and leave as it is important to keep the children safe.

For those children who have packed lunches, can you please ensure that you cut up your child's grapes as these can be a choking hazard and that we are advised not to give popcorn to children at nursery due to choking also. Packed lunches must be healthy.

Our next trustee/committee meeting is on the 20th November at 5:45, please come along if you are interested in joining and you can talk to the other members.

Important Dates

Monday 4th September - Funding Begins

Thursday 28th September - Grandparents Afternoon

Monday 2nd October - Paolo Loras Photos

Tuesday 10 October - Zoo Lab 1.15-2.10 (if you want to bring your child along for this session you can do so)

Thursday 26th October - Pumpkin Contest Deadline

Friday 27th October - Funding Ends

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Half Term

Tuesday 7th November - Christmas Shopping Night

Friday 15th December - Funding Ends

Tuesday 19th December - Nursery Christmas Party £2.00 donation if attending

Wednesday 20th December - Pre-School and After School Christmas Party £2.00 donation if attending

Friday 22nd December - Tuesday 2nd January - Christmas Break

Tuesday 2nd January - nursery opens for anyone wishing to book in

Monday 8th January - Funding begins