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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. We have an opportunity to come and play at our Grandparents Afternoon which will take place on Tuesday 6th October at 1.30-2.45 (if we have enough grandparents to attend, so please let a member of staff know if they are attending).

For Halloween this year we are inviting children to carve a pumpkin at home and bring it in to be entered into our Pathways Pumpkin Contest. All pumpkins must be in nursery by Thursday 22nd October. Prizes for the winners. Have Fun!

Fundraising

At our Yearly Summer Fayre we managed to raise a grand total of £1,012.05. Thank you to everyone that helped raise this for resources and equipment for the children. We are holding a Halloween Cauldron Raffle on the run up to Halloween, £1.00 per ticket. Our Christmas shopping night or week of Christmas stalls will be confirmed.

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.

Staff Development

Staff continue to complete any mandatory training and additional courses to enhance the provision of staff knowledge.

News

In our Pre-School Room we will be introducing Tapestry Online Learning Journeys for parents to look at and add to this will be instead of your child's folder (if this includes your child please find the permission letter attached). Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions or would like to know more.

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. **WE ARE A NUT FREE NURSERY.**

Our next trustee/committee meeting is on the Monday 14th September at 5.30pm, please come along if your are interested in joining and you can talk to the other members of the team.

Important Dates

Monday 31st August - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st September - Funding begins

Monday 28th September- Paolo Loras Photos

Tuesday 6th October - Grandparents Afternoon (1.30-2.45)

Monday 12th October - Zoo Lab 9.30-10.25 (Nursery)

10.20-11.25 (Pre-School)

(If you want to bring your child along for this session you can do so)

Thursday 22nd October - Pumpkin Contest Deadline

Friday 23rd October - Funding Ends

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term

Monday 2nd November - Funding begins

November - Christmas Shopping Night- To be confirmed.

Monday 16th November - AGM meeting at 5.30 (if you are interested in joining and you can talk to the other members of the team)

Friday 20th November - Children in Need

Friday 11th December - Funding Ends

Wednesday 16th December - Nursery, Pre-School and After School Christmas Party £2.00 donation if attending

Friday 18th December - Pre-School Christmas sing-a-long 2.00-2.45

Thursday 24th December - Monday 4th January - Christmas Break