

CURRICULUM EVENING FOR PARENTS

We will be having our first Parents' Evening of the session on **Thursday 22 October at 7.00pm**. Parents will have the opportunity to find out what children learn during their time at nursery. You will have the opportunity to see a DVD of a typical nursery day so you can see how children learn through play. There will also be an opportunity to have a look at the resources we use in the nursery. This is not an evening to discuss children's progress. Progress meetings will be held in November. Unfortunately, we do not have crèche facilities available.

NURSERY RHYME OF THE WEEK

Each week the children will be learning a new nursery rhyme. The "Rhyme of the Week" will be displayed on the noticeboard in the cloakroom. There is also a folder with copies of the rhyme. Please take one home with you each week.

SPONSORED SING

We will be having a sponsored sing in the nursery at the end of our Hallowe'en party.

This will be our annual fundraising event for the session and will help us pay for the entertainer at our Christmas party as well as help Santa with the cost of presents. Parents are invited to come along at 11.15am and 2.45pm

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

We will be having our Hallowe'en party on **Wednesday 28 October**. Children can dress up if they wish to do so. Parents can also dress up if they would like to take part.

FOREST VISITS

The children have been enjoying their trips to the forest. It would be helpful if you could leave a change of clothes on your child's peg - socks and trousers as they often need changed when they come back.

PROGRESS MEETINGS

Staff will be available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress during the week beginning 2 November. Staff will complete a "Next steps in Learning" form with you. This helps us identify any areas where you would like us to support your child. Staff will share your child's achievements over the past few months with you as well as discussing their next steps in learning. Settling-in reports will also be available for the children who started with us in August.

Dates are as follows:

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| Mrs Arnold | Monday 2 November |
| Mrs Chalmers | Tuesday 3 November |
| Mrs Gillan | Wednesday 4 November |
| Miss Leck | Thursday 5 November |

Please add your name to the sheet in the cloakroom to make an appointment. If you cannot manage on the date allocated, please speak to your child's keyworker who will arrange a time that is suitable for you.

A FEW REMINDERS

- Please change your child's shoes when you come in to nursery.
- Please leave a pair of wellies in the nursery for your child. As well as needing them on our Forest days we will also need them to go outdoors in our own garden. There's nothing better than splashing in puddles!
- Children should not wear jewellery in the nursery. Children cannot take part in gym activities if they are wearing jewellery and unfortunately we do not have insurance to cover any losses.
- Please bring in any materials we can use for junk models e.g. boxes, wool, ribbon etc. You will probably get to take them home again once your child recycles them into a junk model!

Dates for your diary

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| Mon 12 - Fri 16 October | Nursery closed for October Break |
| Monday 19 October | Nursery closed for in-service training |
| Wednesday 20 October | Nursery reopens |
| Thursday 2 October | Parents' Evening 7-9pm |
| Wednesday 28 October | Hallowe'en Party and Sponsored Sing |
| Friday 11 December | Nativity Play 10.00am |
| Wednesday 16 December | 8.45- 11.50am Christmas Party |
| Friday 18 December | Nursery closes for Christmas holidays |
| Tuesday 5 January | Nursery reopens |

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