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## Autumn 2 Newsletter

We would like to start by saying a big thank you for all the positive comments you have made in regard to our recent Nursery improvements. We are always open to comments and suggestions moving forward and at the bottom of this letter is a space for you to add a question or a comment you would like to ask or make about Nursery. We believe in creating strong partnerships between parents/carers and school.

We are really pleased with how Target Tracker Link is going and again, if you have any comments or feedback, we would love to hear it. If you haven't received any observations then your email may not be set right. Speak to a member of Nursery staff and we will look into this for you. We don't want you to miss observations of your child.

As the weather changes, we continue to go outside most days. Some of you have asked about wellies and if your child needs them. To be honest, we don't have space to store 78 pairs of wellies so we are going to have a wellie bank where children can borrow wellies when they go outside. Our aim is to have a selection of wellies in different sizes that the children will be able to borrow. For this to work, we need you to tell us your child's shoe size on the return slip below.

We also have a hat and glove basket that children can borrow from if they are cold. Should you have any donations of hats or mittens to stock up our hat and glove basket, we would be very grateful.

We are looking at ways to speed up handover at the end of the day. Currently we have the children in the small room and call them one at a time to come to the door. This can take a while and although we appreciate your patience, we understand that speeding up this process would be welcomed. We also must ensure that this process is safe and it is essential we ensure all children are handed to their authorised adult. We are going to trial inviting you into Nursery and we will see the children out to you in a more open space. We will see if this speeds up handover but maintains the current levels of safeguarding.

We would like to let you know about our Christmas plans in Nursery. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December we would like to invite you to your child's Nursery session. Morning and beginning of the week children we would like you to come at 11.00 am - afternoon and end of the week children we would like you to come for 2.30 pm. Our plan is to sing some Christmas songs around our Nursery Christmas tree and then have a mince pie and drink. The following week we will have our Nursery Christmas party on 18<sup>th</sup> December. The children will come to their usual Nursery session. They are asked to come in their party clothes and we will play some party games and have a party brunch or afternoon tea. We might even have a very special visitor ... ho ho ho!

While on the subject of Christmas, we are aware that some children are still using a dummy as a comforter. Dummies at Nursery age can impact your child's speech development, they can begin to affect the way they formulate sounds and use their tongue. Christmas is a great time to send your child's dummy to the Christmas Dummy Fairy, leaving it on the tree awaiting collection to give to other boys and girls. We know of families where this has been a very successful method of giving up the dummy.

For those of you with children who will be moving to Reception next September, you should have received your school place application form. We hope your child will continue their educational journey with us. If you wish to discuss this or visit our Reception provision, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of our Nursery staff.



We would like to invite parents/carers of our children who will move up to Reception next September along to a consultation open evening on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December. You will receive an additional letter explaining how to book an appointment.

In Nursery we strongly believe in the power of play and how children can develop so many skills through interactions with their peers, exploring resources and developing creativity to enhance literacy and numeracy skills. Our Nursery setting is focused on developing life skills such as independence, co-operation, communication and empathy. We also appreciate that all children develop at different rates and therefore we ensure we provide support and challenge for all.

Our topics continue to be inspired by story books. We will share the titles of these stories each week. Also to encourage our children to develop a love of books, we will begin our lending library next Wednesday. At the end of your child's Wednesday session, we will open our Nursery lending library. They will be able to choose a book to bring home for the week. They will just bring the book back the following Wednesday and change it for a new book. We have many books for the children to choose from but they may bring the same book home more than once. Please don't worry about this. It just means they love that book.

Some children are now coming to Nursery wearing hoodies. Most children remove these when they come in as they are warm. There is a peg area for them to hang up their hoodies. However, please be aware that one blue hoodie looks very much like another blue hoodie. Some children have already taken the wrong hoodie home. Please can we ask that you write your child's name on the inside label so hoodies are returned to the right child at the end of the session. Keeping with our Nursery uniform, we would be grateful if these hoodies are navy in colour. Also another reminder - please can you label your child's water bottle. Sharpie pens are ideal for this and finally, please send in your child's bottle filled with water. No juice please.

Kind regards,

The Nursery Team

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My child's name .....

My child's shoe size .....

Questions, comments or suggestions :