



## Newsletter Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parent and carers,

We have loved seeing the reactions of the children, as they arrive in the hall each day to see the activities that we have set up. Each day we carefully plan the activities to ensure they are following the children's interests, their targets, covering the EYFS, but most importantly are fun and engaging! This week has been all about animals, in maths the children have been ordering different sized animals, making symmetrical butterflies, counting monkeys onto a tree and making animal towers. To encourage the children to write and mark make, they have drawn animal patterns, animal footprints, made an animal parade, matched up rhyming animals/objects and written letters to the animals in the book 'Dear Zoo'. There has been lots of messy play this week as always, we've had 'mud', 'swamps' ice-skating animals, footprints in paint, colouring mixing to paint a chameleon and the very popular activity of painting the cling film. Please check out Instagram to see the photos! For some reason it is not linking to Facebook at the moment.

### Independence

An important part of coming to preschool is to develop children's independence. Throughout the day we support children to be independent, from choosing their own activities to putting on their coats. Our Curriculum has 5 goals, which we aim for children to have achieved for when they leave ready for school. One of those is Independence and I have attached our Curriculum for you to see the others, plus our intentions behind our curriculum, how we implement it and how we measure the impact. We would like you to support your children with their independence by encouraging them to put their own lunch box on the trolley, their water bottle in the box, their Books2Borrow bag in the green tub and carrying their own belongings into preschool. Our staff are waiting to help if needed and there is always someone by the coat pegs to help them find their name and hang up their bits, as that can be quite tricky.

### October is Black History Month

Black History Month is a time set aside each year to celebrate the achievements of Black people in the past and today. It is an opportunity for everyone to learn about significant Black and Mixed Heritage people and their contributions to Britain and the world. Offering opportunities to engage in relevant first-hand experiences can help children make connections between different lives, cultures and experiences.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Sharon, who runs Tiny Crafters in the Church has offered to come in and run some activities with the children to celebrate Black History Month in a way that is accessible to young children.

*"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin or his background or religion. People must learn to hate and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."* Nelson Mandela (1994)

### Reports for New Children

By Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, all new children will receive either a 2-year check report (2-year-olds) or a 6 week summary report (3 year olds)

These will be on Tapestry for you to read, sign and add any comments.

### Nappies

Please remember to pack spare nappies and wipes each day.

### New Lock on the Gate

We have a new pink bike lock on the main gate for extra security, to ensure children can not leave the preschool and to safeguard against people coming into the preschool. The lock will be on from 9:30am – 2:25pm and unlocked at the 12:15 and 1:30pm pick up times. If you arrive in between those times, please signal a staff member if they are outside, or call the preschool phone number. We have already had some very positive feedback, so thank you for the support.

### Important Dates

#### HALF TERM - Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half of Autumn Term       |
| Wk beg Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November | Parent Consultations                      |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November        | Children In Need (Wear Spots and Stripes) |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December       | Christmas Jumper Day                      |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December      | Christmas Event (Parents invited)         |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December        | Christmas Party (Children only)           |

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

