



Newsletter Friday 1st October

Dear Parents/Carers,

An important part of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum is **‘Characteristics of Effective Learning.’** This is HOW children learn and not just what children learn. All children are unique and individual and therefore learn in different ways. Motivation is the key to lifelong learning. Integrating Characteristics of Effective Learning into our preschool, is about how we as practitioners provide an environment which these different types of learning occur. We work hard to ensure our environment is exciting and engaging to motivate children to play and explore. Our resources are carefully chosen to stimulate and challenge learning. Our practitioners support and scaffold the children’s thinking.

Three characteristics of effective teaching and learning identified by the EYFS are:

- **playing and exploring** - children investigate and experience things, and ‘have a go’;
- **active learning** - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements; and
- **creating and thinking critically** - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.

At home you can support your children’s play by giving them the confidence to seek challenge, have a go and persist when things get hard. Follow your child’s interests and set up play that allows them to maintain long periods of attention and engagement. It’s very easy to solve problems for children ourselves, but it’s important we give children time to think and try first before stepping in. Maybe you could start them off and see if they can finish, give lots of positive praise and importantly give them time to critically think and achieve success for themselves.

Platinum Jubilee

Most schools in Surrey will be closing on Friday 22nd October. This is a holiday in lieu of the additional Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday on Friday 03 June 2022 which falls in the summer-half-term break.

However – we will remain OPEN!!

Family Photos

Please can you bring in a Family Photo that we can put up in our display board.

Wellies

As we share the hall with the scouts, we are no longer able to leave our Welly trolley out and there is no space in our cupboard. Therefore, PLEASE can you take home your child’s wellies each day and bring back the following day. Thank you



Car Park

Please **EXIT** via the side gate to avoid congestion at the entrance.

Dates to Remember

Fri 15 th Oct	Close at 1pm (Beer Festival)
Fri 22 nd Oct	New 2-Year-Olds will receive a 2 year check report. New 3-year-olds will receive a Summary report
	Half Term
	Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October
Mon 1 st Nov	Return to nursery
Wk Beg 29 th Nov	Parent Consultations (By phone)
Thurs 9th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 10th Dec	Christmas Concert at 11am (all children welcome even if not their day)
Fri 17th Dec	Christmas Party (All children welcome 9-12:15pm, even if not their day)
Fri 17 th Dec	Break up for Christmas – CLOSE at 12:15pm for all

Make sure children have loose fitting sleeves so they can be rolled up when washing hands and playing in water.