

# Verwood Day Nursery

## Mini Autumn News

### Introducing our new chef

I'd like to introduce you all to Colin who has joined the nursery team as our new chef. We have said goodbye and good luck to Jack who has decided take time to concentrate on building his own catering business that he and his wife Laura established at the end of last year. 'La Maison Jones' has got off to a flying start and we wish Jack the best of luck in his new adventures.

Jack will continue to be part of the team as he will help to cover the holidays of all the chefs within the group so it won't be long until we see him again!



### Important dates for your diaries



### New children's yoga sessions!

Starting on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October** at 2pm and running for 4 weeks, we are introducing a new children's yoga session.

Run by Sam (Erin's mum) the session will be for our eldest children to enjoy. Why yoga? Well children derive enormous benefits from yoga. Physically, it enhances their flexibility, strength, coordination, and body awareness. In addition, their concentration and sense of calmness and relaxation improves. Doing yoga, children exercise, play and connect more deeply with the inner self.

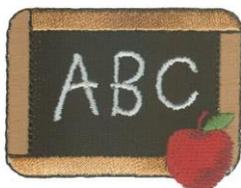


Don't forget our pumpkin carving competition! This year's judging will take place on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** and all entries need to be in by midday on that day in order to be included in the competition.

We will light all the pumpkins at 4pm and you are welcome to come in and join us for some pumpkin soup and hear the winner's names being announced.

Categories this year are – children, staff and parents with prizes for all!

**Children who are at nursery on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> are welcome to come in dressed up if they wish.**



Our 'Preparing for school' evening is taking place on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** from 6.30pm – 8pm and is open to all those parents whose children will start school in September 2017.

If you would like to come, please let us know.



BBC Children in Need takes place on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** and as always the nursery will be joining in with the fun.

We would love all those attending on that day to come dressed in something **SPOTTY** and make a donation to the appeal.

We will have lots of activities during the day including face painting, Pudsey biscuit making and lots of spotty and dotty things happening.



### *Autumn weather*

The weather has definitely turned colder over the last few days. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat in nursery every day so they are able to play outside.

**ALL** of the children use the outside area so even our youngest children need something warm to wear.

Thank you.

### **The integrated review for two year olds**

When your child is 27 months old, you will be invited to attend a health review which is usually conducted by your health visitor. This is an opportunity to talk to you about your child's progress and help you with any concerns.

Around your child's second birthday we will invite you to a meeting to discuss your child's development in relation to the areas of learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum. We will use this to create what we call a 'Two year check' and provide you with a copy to take along to the review meeting to discuss with your health visitor.

It is really important that the information we provide is shared with the health visitor, so that a holistic picture of your child can be drawn to ensure that your child's needs are being met and we can work together to identify areas where your child may need additional support.

If you have already received notification of a meeting and need to discuss your child's progress then please do not hesitate to speak to Deana or Rachel.



### **Final reminders:**

**Door safety** – Please, please, please ensure the front door is securely closed when you enter and exit the building. On a few occasions this week the door has been left on the latch or even worse left open. It is in the interest of the safety of your children that you take time to shut the door behind you!

**Toys from home** – we ask that children do not bring in toys from home. Staff do their best to keep these things safe but cannot guarantee it so we advise special things are left at home and the children instead enjoy all the resources that we have to offer.