



Verwood Day Nursery October newsletter

Welcome to our October newsletter and month of autumn fun and surprises



Pumpkin carving competition

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to carve and create a pumpkin for this year's competition and to those that came along to see them all lit up and share in some homemade pumpkin soup, made from the pumpkins grown in our garden.



Baby and toddler news

This month I'd like to welcome Eric, Thomas, Oliver and Reuben to the nursery. I hope that all the children and their families have settled in well to nursery life!

Edible play

The children have continued to enjoy our edible play theme this month, exploring frozen fruits, spaghetti, vegetable painting, gloop and sensory bags.



They loved the feel of the frozen fruit and enjoyed feeling it melt in their hands.



Exploring fruit in encourages the children to try new flavours and textures and its just like eating an ice lolly!



this way



Spaghetti play was a big hit as the children love to explore the texture and taste of spaghetti while mixing, scooping and picking up with hands or spoons.

Even with just plain cooked spaghetti there is lots of opportunity for exploration, pretend cooking and practice for those developing fine motor skills... and its fun!



Autumn walks

The children have been thoroughly enjoying the opportunity for adventures around neighbouring Potterne Park.

Wrapping up warm, the staff have taken the children around the park and over to the play area. The children have had such a good time and we hope to continue with these walks for as long as the weather allows.



Pumpkins

The babies and toddlers have enjoyed carving and helping to decorate their own pumpkin from our garden and then exploring the seeds and flesh too as part of their messy play.



Coming up: lots of autumn fun with more walks and art and craft for bonfire night. We will be continuing with our edible play theme and then embarking on Christmas activities.



If you get 5 minutes we'd be very grateful!

Two, three and four year old news

This month I'd like to welcome Charlotte and Sebastian to the nursery this month and I hope that together with their family they have settled into nursery life.

The three little pigs



Our three little pigs theme has been a huge success. Based entirely on the children's interest of building and construction, the staff have developed and built on the children's ideas and this month introduced the story line and narrative to their play.

We have built the three different houses and used them for small world play and storytelling together with piggy and wolf masks to use and wear when playing



We have played in muddy foam with the pigs and painted with pigs and made piggy pictures!



Fine motor skills

We have been focusing on our fine motor skills this month, something we need to practise to be able to hold a pencil.

Using tweezers the children have had to carefully pick up chick peas and place the correct amount on their number cards. Not only are they working on their physical skills, they are recognising numbers and counting individual objects.



Magical visitors



Well our fairy has been busy it seems moving their family into our garden!

The children have been so excited to find 8 magical fairy doors hiding in the orchard.

The fairies will be busy in the next few months reporting back to Father Christmas!



Pumpkins

We are very proud of this year's pumpkin crop! The children have helped Ben our gardener to harvest them and then we measured them and categorised them in order of size.

The children then compared their heights against the diameters of each pumpkin too.



Coming up: continuing to follow and develop the children's interest we will be role playing shops and introducing money to the children.

We will also be celebrating bonfire night and autumn festivals before embarking on Christmas.

Christmas shopping – we're here to help!

We currently have some spaces available on a Friday morning each week which we'd like to offer to parents as a **'one off'** special opportunity to use in the lead up to Christmas.

Why not book your child in with us while you do your Christmas shopping?

We are offering sessions of 8-11am for £14.40, 8-12 midday for £19.20 and the whole morning for £26.50. Spaces are limited so please speak to Rachel if you'd like to book.

Children in Need

Every year the nursery supports one charitable event, Children in Need.

This year on Friday 18th November we will be running a spotty theme and inviting all the children who are in on that day to wear something spotty. Spotty socks, tops or trousers! All we ask is for a £1 donation. We will be making Pudsey biscuits and spotty face painting amongst other exciting activities.



Coming up:

- **Preparing for school evening** – on Tuesday 15th November we will be hosting an evening for those parents whose children are due to start school in September 2017. We will be sharing ideas of how to prepare the children for the move as well as how to apply for your school place and things to consider.

Don't forget to RSVP if you'd like to come along.

