



Verwood Day Nursery

Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to our Autumn newsletter, a round up of just some of the exciting things that have been happening.

Apple and Plum room news

The beginning of autumn has been very busy across the whole nursery with celebrations of the festivals of Diwali, Halloween and Bonfire night. The children have taken part in lots of discussion and shared books and stories about why we celebrate these things and have taken part in activities to increase their understanding.



Thank you to everyone that participated in our annual pumpkin carving competition. It was a very hard choice as there were so many fantastic entries.

We welcomed lots of families on Halloween to view the pumpkins displayed in the garden and share in some homemade pumpkin soup. The soup was made using the pumpkins the children had planted and grown in the nursery garden.



Staff winner - Rosie



Children's winner - Isabelle B.



Parents winner - Vanessa

We have been taking part in lots and lots of painting activities this month on very different scales.



We have also been taking part in lots of activities all about numbers. Grouping, sorting, matching, measuring and counting.



Cooking club

Sarah has been busy with her seasonal produce cooking club too and the children have recently made orange and apricot loaf.



Road safety

We have been talking to the children about the importance of being safe when we are near the busy roads. Using our loose parts, we created a road system and the children used bikes and cars to ride around their roadway.



Lost property

We have a large collection of unclaimed and unnamed clothing that is currently being kept in the garage. If you are missing something, please speak to a member of staff who can show you where it is all being stored.

We cannot stress enough the importance of naming ALL your child's belongings. We recommend My Nametags who provide iron-on or sticker name tags. Their website address is – www.MyNametags.com



In The Nest ...

The children have been spending lots of time outside, experiencing the changes in the seasons and enjoying the rain!

We would like to ask that all children come to nursery with a suitably warm coat to wear outside to enable us to take them out every day. We do provide all in one suits for the very wet weather but these do not provide any warmth for the children. Thank you.



Sensory exploration



All the children are very interested in using their senses to explore different resources at the moment.

The darker evenings have meant we've been able to do lots of sensory play with our light resources, both inside and outside.



We are also continuing with activities that develop fine motor control and develop a palm or pincer grip, such as peg board puzzles or dry messy play.



Current availability

Across the nursery, we now have places available on all days throughout the week, however these are limited on some.

Don't forget our £100 referral reward. Just ask the other person making the enquiry or booking to mention your name



Toys from home

Can we please ensure that children are not bringing in their own toys from home.

We are of course happy for children to bring in a comforter to help them settle or sleep but we cannot be held responsible for anything that gets damaged or lost and its very hard to explain to the other children that they can't play with something that's at nursery.

Thank you

Employee of the month – September and October

As well as our employee of the year award that recognises a member of staff who has consistently gone 'above and beyond' we have introduced an employee of the month award. This award acknowledges and recognises a member of staff who has planned, resourced and provided inspiring, fun and exciting activities to provoke learning and engagement.

September's employee of the month was Vicky from the Plum room. Vicky can always be heard singing and playing games with the children when she's outside and the children are always so engaged and excited to join in. Well done Vicky.

October's employee of the month was Becca from the Apple room. Becca has recently completed her Level 2 apprenticeship training with us and is now embarking on her Level 3. Well done Becca.

Christmas Home Learning Challenge

Over the Christmas break we would like to challenge all the children to make a sensory bottle.

It can contain anything you like such as bits of tinsel, buttons, pieces of wrapping paper or pieces of pasta or rice. The bottle doesn't need to be fancy, just an empty drinks bottle of any size or shape.

Once you've made your bottle spend time exploring it. Does it make a sound? If so, use it as a shaker while you sing songs together. Is it bright and colourful? Talk about the colours you can see and challenge your child to find the coloured pieces. Encourage turn taking by sharing the bottle, giving your child a warning of how long they've got to explore it before passing it on to someone else. For younger children you can encourage them to roll it back and forth to you or encourage them hold it in their hands to explore it.

Make a note of what you did with the bottle and don't forget to share it with us in the new year.



Reverse Advent

The Nursery is supporting the local food bank by collecting items for a so-called 'reverse advent calendar'.

If you haven't heard about this, it's an annual initiative championed by the Trussell Trust Organisation, who have a network of FoodBanks in the UK. All over the country, organisations will be making a decision to help vulnerable people in this way. So why not join in by helping us create a box of food?



During December place a tin, packet or jar of food in the box which will be placed in the main porch each day, and we will soon have a lovely gift that will be appreciated by a family who are facing a short term crisis and require help from a Foodbank.

Here are some tips which will make the process run smoothly!

- Non - perishable, non- Christmas food with a lengthy use by date. Food collected will be used in the New Year, so please avoid including mince pies etc.
- do consider including non-food items like household cleaning and personal care products too.
- For those wishing to donate Christmas food or sooner than the advent box would be ready, there is a separate donations bin inside the Verwood Co-op store.

We hope you are able to help us create a lovely box of items. Thank you so much!

Current list of items we have been asked to collect (please avoid giving soup, beans and tinned tomatoes - there are plenty in stock already!)

TOILET ROLLS

HOUSEHOLD CLEANING MATERIALS

SPONGE PUDDINGS

CLOTHS WASHING LIQUID/POWDER

NON TOMATOES BASED SAUCES

SHAVING CREAM

RAZORS

DEODORANT

FRUIT JUICE



Christmas closure details

The nursery will close at 4pm on Christmas Eve and reopen on Thursday the 2nd of January.

For those children on a funded term time only contract, the funding will start from Monday the 6th of January.



Coming up ...

- Saturday 14th December – our Annual Christmas Fair. Please look out for your personal invitation and time slot.



*You are invited to
our annual Christmas Fair*

Saturday 14th December 2019

Personal invitations to follow

*Join us for a morning of festive activities, a visit to
Santa's grotto and some yummy seasonal treats.*

*Siblings aged under 8 years old are welcome.
Limited to 2 accompanying adults per family.*