

Dear Families,



The Estate around the Nursery is looking beautiful with the changing colours of the leaves, and conkers and sweet chestnuts to collect from the ground. Exploring this colourful season has allowed us to develop the children's experiences and inspire their interests.

In November we will continue to enjoy the colours of Autumn, fireworks and frost. We love playing out in the garden so please remember to bring outdoor clothes for puddle splashing and something cosy to wear as the weather gets cooler.

What amazing donations for our Harvest collections. Romsey Foodbank were overwhelmed with them and the Kindergarten children joined in with the local Church service for the older generations where the donations were presented. Thank you so much for making a difference to someone else's life. Thank you also for those who have returned your Room Questionnaires, there is still time for you to return them. Your feedback really is invaluable.

In Team news we want to give a warm welcome to Lauren Shelley who will be joining our Kindergarten Team as a Modern Apprentice and good luck to Chloe as she transfers to Romsey.

The deadline to claim additional grant funding (30 hours) for Spring 2018 qualifying children is 31st December. Please apply online at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to obtain your eligibility code so that you can claim the additional grant hours with us or another Setting. Please apply as soon as possible so you do not miss the deadline. Parents claiming the 30 hours or using Tax Free Childcare should reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months. If you have any questions about grant funding, please contact Chrissie our Finance Manager.

Warm regards

Maryanne Strickland
Nursery Manager

Beach Nursery

We are now including a day at 'Beach Nursery' for some in our Kindergarten group. Things such as running freely along the beach, mark making in the sand with sticks, bird watching, tracking animal footprints are all amazing childhood experiences. The beach combines a wealth of learning opportunities with the magic of awe and wonder to inspire young children's thinking and ideas.

Dates for your Diary

- **Bonfire Night**
Sunday 5th November
- **Children in Need**
Friday 17th November
- **ECP Photography Whole Nursery**
Wednesday 22nd November
- **Christmas Nativity**
12th December 2.30pm
- **Close for Christmas**
Friday 22nd 6pm
- **Re-open**
Tuesday 2nd January

Babies

Over the past month the Babies have continued to settle in well at Yellow Dot and continue to develop their relationships with one another. We celebrated World Animal Day, where the Babies enjoyed dressing up and bringing in their cuddly animals. We also did an animal 'Boogie Mite' session in the Baby Room. We celebrated Grandparents Week and some Grandparents came for a Stay and Play session. We have also been exploring paint, water and 'Autumnal' scented playdough.



Toddlers

Over the past month we have been exploring all things Autumn! We have particularly been looking at all the Autumnal colours. The Toddlers have been on a leaf colour hunt in the woodland area, which then provoked the children to create marks with their leaves, whether through leaf collages or pressing the leaves into playdough. We have also began doing more small language groups weekly which has impacted both the Toddler's language development and their social skills. The Toddlers also loved having their Grandparents in to read stories to them, so thank you to all who came in!



Transition

Over the past month, Transition have been enjoying the Mini Professors sessions that have been offered to them. Transition have been doing a variety of science experiments such as introducing them to the concept of scientific investigation by investigating bubbles to exploring different types of textures. To extend this we have been offering other activities to support what they have experienced in their Mini Professor sessions. The children have particularly enjoyed looking at their different body parts and drawing on various features on their body maps.



Kindergarten

In Kindergarten over the past month we have been focussing on Harvest and anything Autumn related. A few months ago the children helped to plant their own vegetables and this month were able to harvest them themselves! Alongside this, we have been having lots of Autumnal related activities, from sweeping the leaves in the bark area to leaf rubbing to notice the patterns. We were also lucky enough to go to Pickwell Farm to pick out our own pumpkins and vegetables which we will later be representing through our creative work.

