

Dear Families,

Welcome to our November Newsletter. With Autumn well and truly here it has been lovely to see the beauty of the changing season. The Babies particularly have been fascinated by the fallen leaves in their garden and have spent time investigating and exploring them. Around the Nursery this month we will be continuing to explore the changing season including having an Autumn Tea Party on Thursday 9th November when the children will be making their own tea and enjoying a sing song.

Thank you to all the families who supported our MacMillan Coffee & Cakes Day, we raised £140.68. Thanks also to those who have bought Ella's Voice Bows to raise funds for a local young girl with Rett Syndrome who needs an Eye Gaze. We have raised over £125 for this.

The Babies had a brilliant time, listening to our local Science Park Community Choir and we plan to go back very soon with more of the children.

Please can I remind all families to reverse park when dropping off or collecting your children, it is very important for the children's safety that you are able to see them clearly as they exit or enter the Nursery.

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 Clare our Finance Manager.

Have a happy and safe Autumn as you enjoy all the exciting festivals that are coming up.

Sam Paulton
Nursery Manager



Fundraising for
MacMillan
Cancer Support



Football at Chilworth

Our football coaching sessions with Southampton Football Club have also started and the Kindergarten children seem to be thoroughly enjoying them. They are a fun and exciting way for children to stay fit and develop their muscles.



Diary Dates

- **Bonfire Night**
Sunday 5th November
- **Children in Need**
Friday 17th November
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
Wednesday 13th December
- **Christmas Sing Song**
Friday 22nd December 4:30pm
- **Christmas closure**
Friday 22nd December
- **Re-opening**
Tuesday 2nd January

Babies

In October Babies went for walks to look at the changes Autumn brings. They looked at colourful leaves falling off the trees in the park. Indoors they explored various textures and rustling sounds just like the leaves make. To make exploring sounds even more exciting, the Team took the children to Chilworth Community Hall to listen to the Science Park Choir. In November the Babies are going to explore light in different ways. They will be looking at various colours representing fireworks and will also have the opportunity to create some lovely glittery artwork!



Toddlers



In October, the Toddlers were very busy exploring Autumn. They went on lots of walks in the conservation area to observe animals, trees and mini beasts. The children collected leaves and used them for display and collage. The Toddlers also went to pick the pumpkins at Pickwell Farm. They had a great time exploring the textures, colours and sizes of the pumpkins. As part of their introduction to Diwali, the Festival of Lights, the children have had fun making salt dough which they then helped turn into tea light holders. In November, they are going to continue to explore colours and lights as they experience Bonfire Night. We will be making lots of colourful artworks and looking at different colours to help represent fireworks.

Transition

In Transition the children have also been exploring Autumn and all the wonderful colours that appear around them, they have been going out on walks and creating leaf displays, looking at the different mini beasts in the garden and creating 3D spiders. The children have been very interested in a fire station book so the Team decided to create a fire station role play area, which the children have loved. We also introduced Diwali during October and are linking this in with Bonfire Night and other celebrations that happen at this time of year.



Kindergarten



Throughout October we have been extremely busy in Kindergarten. We have been exploring mini beasts out in the garden and in the fantastic tray Fiona created inside. We also made our very own mini beasts out of salt dough. We have had a focus on the 'Owl Babies' story and have been listening to the sounds of not only owls, but of other birds too. In November we will be beginning to listen to our Nativity music. We will be allocating parts and introducing the story of the Nativity to the children. We will also have the excitement of Bonfire Night this month and the children will have opportunities to re-create their experiences in Firework Art.