

Dear Families,



We are well and truly into the Autumn Term and the temperature and colours outside have changed to reflect the new season. The Nursery is still enjoying the cold sunny days exploring our third space and have been on many trips out and about in the community including the Airport, on the public bus to Fair Oak and a picnic and play in Fleming Park.

As Autumn blesses us with its warm colours, mixed weather and whistling winds, all is calm in the Nursery, and full of rich experiences which lend themselves to childhood memories of years gone by. Who can forget jumping in puddles, stomping in leaves and collecting conkers! What a wonderful time to learn about nature and the World around us.

Many of the children have moved into new rooms so we have all been busy developing relationships, learning new routines and making new friends. During mid October please would you complete the 'Moving Rooms' surveys given to you by the Team. This is a valuable way for us to gather your views and be even better able to support you and your child. Remember if you have any concerns or queries, please speak to a member of the Team or myself.

Although we have just said goodbye to our School leavers we will soon be handing out a booklet called 'Working together to support your child's move to School.'. Have a look and if you have any questions please ask a member of the Kindergarten Team. This will be followed by an Open Evening to share information about the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Kind regards,

Jo Samonig
Nursery Manager



Home Learning

Friedrich believed in the educational value of songs and rhymes for young children. We aim to teach our children 8 core rhymes before they leave Yellow Dot.

Babies:

Wind the Bobbin Up
Round and Round

Toddlers:

Miss Polly
Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

Transition:

1,2,3,4,5.

Tommy Thumb

Kindergarten:

Incy Wincy Spider
Grand Old Duke

Diary Dates

- **Parent consultations**
October 2017
- **Diwali**
October 19th
- **Bonfire Night**
November 5th
- **Remembrance Sunday** November 11th
- **Children in Need**
November 17th
- **Kindergarten Nativity** December 20th
- **Close for Christmas**
22nd December 6pm
- **Nursery Reopens**
January 2nd

Babies

The Babies have settled into their new room really well. We have been doing lots of exploratory play letting the Babies get used to their new environment. We have been getting out and about to the Train Station to support the Babies interest in trains and transport toys. The Babies have been beginning to join in with lots of Boogie Mites songs. Homemade sensory bottles have given the Babies the chance to play and explore with different craft resources and use their fine motor skills under close supervision. Play dough has been very popular too. During November we will be going on further walks as well as adding to our song repertoire.



Toddlers

The children have enjoyed their first few weeks in Toddlers and have settled well. The planning is based on the children's interests as we present new provocations. The Team have been taking small groups on walks to widen their experiences in our third space. We have been to the feed the ducks and visit the park. On one of the walks the Toddlers were busy noticing every plane that flew past and so we are going to take a trip to the airport. We have also been looking at the story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' so we will be offering further opportunities to experience things linked to this such as exploring textures and different outdoor environments.



Transition

The Transition children have been busy getting to know their new Key Person. We have been encouraging the children with their growing independence in accessing resources as well as having a variety of resources out for the children to explore. We have observed that the children show a big interest in messy play opportunities such as painting, gloop and play dough so we have been offering these sort of experiences and will add to this further over the next month.



Kindergarten

The children have been getting to know their room and routine and have settled very well. They are beginning to select their resources independently. We have been talking about the 'Golden Rules' in the room and when using the outside spaces and local community. We will continue with this over the coming month to help the children consolidate their understanding. The children have begun to recognise their names too which is lovely. Moving forward we will be looking at the seasonal changes over time to include colours and weather. We also aim to use the outside space more encouraging the children's understanding of their place in the wider community.

