

Dear Families,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Nursery Manager just in case I have missed you at the door. I have worked for Yellow Dot for 15 years. I started as a Senior Nursery Nurse and most recently in the Support Team helping and supporting Managers and Team with the day to day running of the Nursery. I have had two children journey through Yellow Dot so I do understand the importance and expectations from a parents perspective, I am excited and passionate and looking forward to continuing to work with the children and Team to create a fun stimulating environment where the children will grow and develop.

Autumn has arrived and the children are really enjoying playing in the leaves and the acorns as they fall from our beautiful trees in the garden. We had Pyjama Drama come into the Kindergarten Room to learn about Autumn and hibernation, we moved like the leaves falling from the trees to being squirrels, hedgehogs and frogs finding their homes.

The children love to play outside whatever the weather so please could I ask for labelled wellies to be brought in every day.

This month we will be giving out a survey about your experiences of joining the Nursery and I would really appreciate your feedback. You are welcome to hand them back to the Rooms or if you'd rather, please pop them into the office.

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.

Best wishes

Clare Ashton
Nursery Manager



Dates for your diary

- **Bonfire Night**
Sunday 5th November
- **Children In Need**
Friday 17th November
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
14th December
- **Close for Christmas**
22nd December
- **Nursery reopens**
2nd January

Babies

The Babies have been experiencing lots of new activities. We have been exploring the paint with our hands to feel the texture of the paint and to see the marks we can make. We have been out in the garden planting bulbs and listening to different sounds such as the leaves crunching as we playing with them. The older Babies have been showing their experiences through play putting the dolls to bed and taking them for a walk.



Toddlers

Toddlers have been setting up provocations around Nursery rhymes. We have been singing "Humpty Dumpty", "Incy Wincy" and "Twinkle Twinkle". We built a wall for Humpty Dumpty and the Toddlers enjoyed knocking him off his wall, we learnt about Incy Wincy and how many legs he has and then made our very own playdough spiders! We are now exploring stars investigating lights and making star shadows on the walls!



Transition

This month we have been exploring Autumn. The children have been out and about in the woods collecting different natural resources to bring back to Nursery and use to create different pieces of art work. We have made Autumn leaf paintings and have been very busy out in our garden collecting the acorns for Jack's pigs! We have also been looking into the different colours that Autumn bring us, which has led us onto colour sorting.



Kindergarten

This month the children took an interest in the 'Stickman' book. We read the story before discussing their favourite parts. From this the children then made their own illustrations, looking at the book and showcasing all the lovely drawings in our book corner. We continued to explore this by taking a trip to the woods to collect sticks to make our very own stickman back at Nursery. Whilst we were there we collected leaves too which we have now been investigating as an Autumn provocation leaf rubbing, collaging and identifying the different colours of the leaves whilst we discuss the seasonal change.

