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Newsletter – Issue 10

Welcome to our 10th newsletter!

Highlights

- We have introduced **French Lessons** for our pre school children who have been excited and eager to learn the language through actions, words and songs.
- The children recently celebrated **Diwali** and **Halloween** and enjoyed dressing up and baking festive treats;
- Some of our children in pre school went on a **trip to the Library** recently and visited the art gallery and museum there, whilst also learning about Remembrance Day. We will be continuing our trips to help the children explore and gain a greater understanding of the world;
- **Safeguarding training** is being carried out this month in house for most of our staff to ensure that their training is up to date;
- **Hayley** recently started her maternity leave and we wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her back next year;
- We welcome **Amelia** who recently joined us in our toddler and pre school room and also **Teah** who joined our pre school room;

Fundraising

We recently raised **£78 for Crackerjacks!** We will also be holding a **'Pyjama Day'** on **Friday 18th November** to help raise money for **Children in Need**. There will also be a cake sale and raffle and all donations welcome.

Parent Suggestions

If your child has a particular interest in something, we would love to hear from you to ensure that we can incorporate this into our activities and help progress each child's development and learning – simply complete and return the **parent suggestion form** by email or to a member of staff in the room.

We also welcome your general feedback – please complete a **parent questionnaire form** and return to us by email or you can post it anonymously if you wish in the suggestion box in the porch at the nursery.

Reminders

- Please ensure you complete the forms recently distributed to ensure we have **your up-to-date contact details** and also **emergency contact details**
- Please check your child's bag regularly as you may need more spare clothes or require a set of different season clothes, especially if your child is toilet training
- Please call **by 10am** to inform us if your child will be late;
- Please let us know of any dates your child may be on **holiday** from nursery so that we can amend our records; and
- Please note that **breakfast runs from 8am until 9am**, which then enables the staff to set up and start the children's morning activities
- Please make sure your child has appropriate **warm and waterproof clothing and coats** now that the weather has turned colder;

Ideas for Home

Threading activities are a great way to help your child improve their fine motor skills. Why not try the following activity:

- Stab a piece of spaghetti into a small ball of play dough.
- Then pour a Cheerios, or other o-shaped cerea into a bowl.
- Grab Cheerios and thread onto the spaghetti one by one.

You can also try using tube pasta and thread onto a piece of string to make a necklace.

Christmas Closure

Please note that the nursery will close at 1.00pm on the 23rd December 2016 and re-open again on the 3rd January 2017.



Christmas Activities

We are now looking forward to our Christmas activities:

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| 13th December | Baby Stay & Play |
| 15th December | Toddler Stay & Play |
| | Xmas Jumper Day |
| 16th December | Xmas Party |
| 19th December | Xmas Lunch |
| 20th December | Pre School Stay & Play |

Further details including timings will follow nearer the dates.

Recommend A Friend

Do you know anyone looking for childcare? If so, recommend someone and when they join with us, receive 50% off one month's fees after 3 months with us.
Valid before 31 March 2017

Visit from the Dentist

We will soon be having a visit from the dentist, who will be speaking to the children about the importance of brushing and cleaning our teeth.

After this visit, we will be looking at introducing the brushing of teeth during the day and will keep you informed of our plans to introduce this.

Sickness

Could we take this opportunity to remind you that as we come into winter, coughs and colds become common place. Please ensure that you follow the *Unwell Children Policy*.

If your child is unwell, he/she should not be at nursery for the time outlined in the policy. If your child is taking medication, we can only administer prescriptive medication. If your child has been given Calpol for any reason before nursery, staff must be informed.

Can You Help?

We are looking to expand the children's knowledge about the community including different occupations and ways of life. If you or anyone you know would like to come into the nursery to talk to the children about what you do for a living or any cultural festivals you celebrate, we would love to hear from you!

Expectations at Sunshine

At Sunshine we promote our expectations within the nursery; please can you help us promote these at home by using the following posters:

Walk when we are inside



Share and take turns



Use our indoor voices and kind words



Keep our hands and feet to ourselves

