



# Autumn News

## Dates for your Diary

Below are our bank holidays and also term dates for our term time children.

### Autumn Term

Half Term: 25th October - 29th October

Term Ends: Friday 17th December

Funding Ends: Friday 17th December

### Spring Term

Term Starts: Wednesday 5th January

Half Term: 21st - 25th February

Term Ends: Friday 8th April

Funding Ends: Friday 8th April

If you take your funding over 47 weeks, dates will slightly differ. You should have received a separate letter. If not, please see a member of management.

## Photograph Day

Screenshot Photography are coming at 9.30am on the following days:

- Nursery - Tuesday 9th November
- Kindergarten - Wednesday 17th November

If your child doesn't attend this day & you want them to have their photo taken, please speak to a member of staff to book an appointment.

## Halloween Craft Week—w/c 18th October



Children can dress up in Halloween Outfits & we will be carrying out an assortment of Halloween activities throughout the week.

## Mini Me Christmas Fundraiser

Children are currently making their cards for Christmas, which are going to be sent off to 'mini me card co'.

Every child will receive a free Christmas card made from their artwork and parents can buy additional cards if they wish.

Please check our website or Octopus Journals for future newsletters and any updates that we have to make to our policies.

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## New Staff

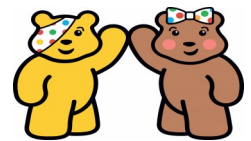
We have a new member of staff that has joined our team— Rebecca Worth, who is based in Busy Bears Room.

## Staff Changes

Sarah Evans—Nursery Manager along with Clare Tina Shipley —Nursery Deputy Manager / Busy Bears Room Leader

Chloe Henderson—Kindergarten Deputy Manager

Also, can we take this opportunity to welcome Laura Robinson back from Maternity.



To show our support for Children in Need, we will be having a 'Pyjama Day' on Friday 12th November.

## Tax-Free Childcare

You could get upto £500 every 3 months (upto£2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. To check eligibility and apply, please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare>

## 30 Hours Funding

Can you please remember to revalidate your 30 hour codes.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10th December

Christmas Craft Week - w/c 13th December

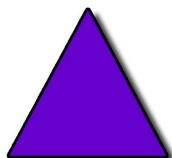
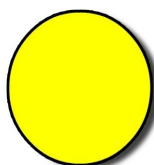
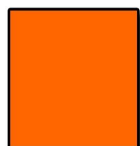
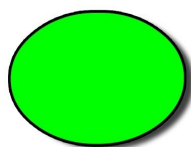
Children can dress up & an assortment of festive activities will be provided throughout the week.

We will close on Friday 24th December @ 4pm & reopen on Tuesday 4th January, 2021.





# What Are We Doing?



## Kindergarten

- ♦ Rhyme of the Term - Holding a Shape, Stand Up
- ♦ Stories of the Term - Handa's Surprise
  - Three Little Pigs
    - ♦ Ourselves & Family
      - ♦ Homes
    - ♦ All About Shapes

## Bouncy Bears

- ♦ Rhyme of the Term -  
Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow
- ♦ Story of the Term -  
The Hungry Caterpillar
- ♦ Focusing on how we can move in different ways. Walking/crawling (encourage walking) - taking steps
- ♦ Experiment in sensory experiences such as painting, angel delight and shaving foam.



## Change of Weather

As the weather gets colder, please ensure you bring your children to setting with suitable clothing for when they go outside.  
E.g. coats, hats, gloves, wellies.

## Busy Bears

- ♦ Rhyme of the Term - I had a Little Turtle
  - ♦ Story of the Term -  
I don't want to wash my hands
- Exploring a range of materials through our senses (PSE, CL, Physical)
- Encourage turn taking, sharing and play with others through a range of activities.
- Support and encourage independence through daily routines.

## Changes to the EYFS

The Early Years Foundation Stage framework has changed from September 2021. Changes have been made to improve outcomes for children by the time they reach 5 years of age, particularly in early language and literacy.

Paperwork has been reduced in settings. Staff will aim to post 1-2 achievement observations per week on your child's learning journal.

