



Fundraiser

A big thank you to everyone that supported our Autumn Fete. This event was very successful and after expenses we **raised a fantastic £500 for Stroke Association.** We will continue to do events like this and any suggestions of charities we can support would be appreciated.



December 2015



The Parade

Newsletter

Message from the Manager

Hello everyone and welcome to our December's newsletter.

It's Christmas time again and the children have been busy making Christmas gifts and getting messy.

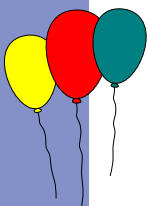
We have had another very busy year with Forest school, Nursery trip to West Lodge Farm, fundraising events, dress up days and many more activities. As you all know our event this year was the Ofsted inspection at the end of July where we were graded

OUTSTANDING for a **second** consecutive time. I want to thank everyone for their ongoing support to the staff and the nursery and even though we have excelled in our care for children you can rest assured that we will be continuing to strive forward to provide a first class provision.

The preschool children have been busy practising their nativity play and the children and the staff have been busy getting ready and being

creative for Christmas. On behalf of myself and the rest of the team we would like to wish you all a Merry **Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Amy

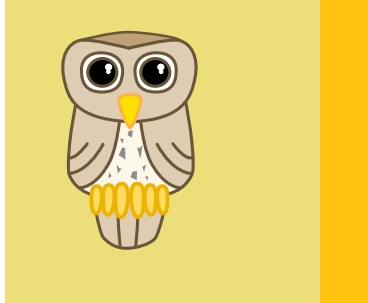


Reminders

We have a jewellery policy within the nursery and we require any earrings worn by children to be removed or covered. If your child comes into nursery and their earrings are not covered you will be called. Also please do not send your child in necklaces or bracelets as they are at risk of catching them and injuring themselves or others.

Father Christmas

On Wednesday 16th December 2015 Father Christmas is visiting the nursery. He will be arriving at 9:30am and he will have to leave by 11am as he has lots of other visits to make and other presents to wrap. If your child isn't in on the day and you would like them to see Father Christmas you are welcome to bring them in. Photographs will be taken and will be available for purchase.



Christmas play

The children from the Playful Mice room are putting on a Nativity play and the children from the tooting owls (who attend nursery on a Tuesday) will join them for Christmas songs. The date of the Nativity is Tuesday 8th December 2015 and the play begins at 2pm. If your child does not attend the nursery on a Tuesday they will need to meet us at the church at 1.30pm. If you would like tickets please ask a member of staff. It is £1.50 per ticket and you will be given a programme on the day. The play is being held at the church of St Peter and St Paul in Abington Park. If you would like to take photographs then we ask that you stand on the balcony so it does not distract the children. We have taken some photographs of the children in their costumes and these will be available to purchase. The money from this will be used to make a donation to the church as a thank you for letting us use this lovely and ideal location for the nativity. We will be doing a video of the nativity which will be available to purchase within the nursery a few days after.

Christmas Party



At the nursery we love to celebrate Christmas with the children and have a party.

Pippins have their party across the course of a week which will be w/c 14th December.

Little Fish party will be held at the nursery on Wednesday 16th December 2pm until 4pm.

If your child does not attend the nursery on this day then they are welcome to join us for the party.

Tooting Owls and Playful Mice party is also on Wednesday 16th December 2pm until 4pm.

This is being held at Abington Parish Church Rooms. There will be an entertainer present for the duration of the party, so we hope the event will be more memorable. If your child does not attend the nursery on this day then they are welcome to join us for the party at the church rooms.

Swimming

This term in swimming the children have gained in confidence and they are more confident to try new things. The children that have gained Duckling awards so far are:

Duckling 1

Antonia
Evie H
Amelia
Alessia
Alexander B
Olivia
Alexander P
Ibraheem

Duckling 2

Antonia
Olivia
Evie H
Alexander B

Duckling 3

Olivia

There is now one space available for swimming starting 2016. Please see Emma if you are interested.



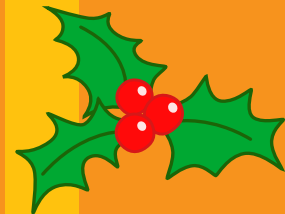
Rhyme Time with Becky

Some of the children have been participating in rhyme time with Becky. They have been learning all about the seasons, which animals are in different habitats and expressing feelings, all through music, while using shakers and scarves for action songs. Rhyme time will re-commence on Wednesday

13th January 2016.

Keep Fit

During keep fit this term, the children have been participating in a variety of gross motor activities, for example balancing, throwing and catching, and kicking balls. They have also been working on their hand-eye coordination by doing activities such as golf. Learning about colours and number are incorporated into all of the activities.



Direct Debit Dates 2016

January		4 weeks	4/1/16 – 29/1/16
February		5 weeks	1/2/16 – 4/3/16
March		4 weeks	7/3/16 – 1/4/16
April		4 weeks	4/4/16 – 29/4/16
May		5 weeks	2/5/16 – 3/6/16
June		4 weeks	6/6/16 – 1/7/16
July		4 weeks	4/7/16 – 29/7/16
August		5 weeks	1/8/16 – 2/9/16
September		4 weeks	5/9/16 – 30/9/16
October		4 weeks	3/10/16 – 28/10/16
November		5 weeks	31/10/16 – 2/12/16
December		4 weeks	5/12/16 – 30/12/16
		<u>52 weeks</u>	

- The nursery has a number of queries each month concerning Direct Debits.
To answer 2 of the most frequent questions,
- 1) Direct Debit is the fee that is paid in monthly advance. E.g. payment paid on the 1st February is payment for all of February.
 - 2) The weeks that are charged are either 4 or 5 week month (the year is not divided equally over 12 months as there are so many variations with fees i.e. swimming lessons/ funding etc)

Polite Notice

If you do not pay your nursery fees by direct debit or vouchers and you pay cash or credit card, please can you pay weekly or a month in advance so we have no outstanding fees.

Anyone not paying by direct debit, which is the nursery's preferred payment method, can only pay cash and credit card in agreement with the manager. When permission is given it is agreed to be paid weekly or monthly in advance. This agreement is given in faith that the procedure will be adhered to (this avoids embarrassment for all when asking for the account to be settled).

Funding

Funding finishes on Friday 18th December 2015 and restarts on Monday 4th January 2016, for 12 weeks.