



# Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 1, week 4, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear families,

Walk to school week has been really successful. **87% of the children took part, and 65% of our families walked to school for 4 or 5 days!** I'm sure you know the benefits of walking, and this applies for your child too. But not only do you get exercise, you can also have a little time to chat about the day ahead, what they are looking forward to doing and who they may want to play with. Some parents found that parking was a lot easier on Elmbridge drive and completing the short walk down the alleyway was easy. Children who walked for 4 or 5 days this week will get a prize in their book bag. And all children who took part will get a certificate.

The children had their school photos taken this week and shortly you will receive the proof and the order form. This was the children's first trip up to the hall and we were so impressed with their confidence. In fact, the photographer said this was the most photogenic Nursery lot she has seen!

However, some **sad news** 😞 – we have found that the children are being a little rough and careless with our Nursery toys this week, so this week we have been supporting them to learn that **once it is broken, it sometimes cannot be replaced**. One of our Nursery rules is, **when you are finished, put it back**. We would appreciate if you could remind your child about this rule also at home too.

## Harvest Festival – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Reminder

For parents of AM children, this will be held in the Nursery at 11.00am. For parents of PM and All Day children, this will be held in the School Hall (use the main school entrance) at 2.45pm with Reception. Please bring in a donation of an item of food (e.g. a tin of soup) for charity. Thank you.

## Positive Mealtimes and Dental Hygiene workshop reminder

There is a free workshop on Positive Mealtimes and dental hygiene at the Children's Centre on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 1.45 to 3.15pm. Should you wish to take part, please inform a staff member and we will add your details to the register.

## New Topic – Out and about

We will be learning how to look our environment and notice some of the changes that are starting to take place in nature; the trees dropping leaves, the leaves turning brown, the weather getting colder. We will be going for a **short autumn walk on Wednesday** around the local area to see if we can spot any signs of autumn. **We would love if parents could join us for the walks at 9.00am and 1.00pm**. Children who attend all day will come on the morning walk. We rely heavily on parent helpers to assist us with these kinds of walks (the walk will last about 20 minutes), so if you would like to volunteer, please let one of the members know. Thank you.



Have a great weekend 😊

## This week...

We have been:

- Painting self portraits of ourselves looking carefully at our eyes, hair and skin colour and talking about how we are unique. We will be displaying these in the nursery soon.
- We have learnt 5 little speckled frogs and innovated it to make our own song – 5 little stripy tigers.
- Learnt a very unique Harvest song that we can't wait to sing for you!

## Next week....

We will:

- Notice the changes that are happening in the environment around us.
- Creating a pretend ice cream shop (this was the children's idea!) and using our amazing counting skills to make sure that all our customers get the right amount of ice creams! (The children are currently charging around £50 an ice cream.....!!)

## How can you help at home?

You could:

All the children are now responsible for certain tidy up areas in the Nursery. We will send details of these home in bookbags next week and will be talking about what your child has to do to make sure their area is tidy at the end of the session. You could talk to them about what their special job is and what they have to do to make sure it is tidy.

## Nursery Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 New Topic: Out and About	8 Shelter drill in school (AM) - please see parentmail from the Headteacher	9 Autumn walk - at 9.00am and 1pm - Parents are welcome to join us.	10 Children's Centre - Free workshop - Positive Mealtimes and Dental Hygiene - speak to staff for more details	11 HARVEST Festival - A harvest assembly will take place at 11am (in the Nursery) and 2.45pm (in the Hall)
14 Topic week: Light and Dark	15	16	17	18 Staff Training Day - school is closed for children

## Picture of the week:



Photo Day!