

Apple/Banana room newsletter – Autumn term 1 2018



Hello Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone we hope you all have managed to have a lovely summer, and a very warm welcome to all our new parents and carers who have just joined our Childcare.

It has been lovely to listen to all the wonderful stories of what the children have been doing over the holidays. We have enjoyed the first few weeks exploring the new environment, understanding our daily routine and making new friends.

This term we have been enjoying exploring our 'Autumn' topic. Our children are embracing the topic with great enthusiasm across all our areas of learning. The children were exploring, weather changing, autumn leaves painting, autumn walk in the big garden and toast painting and etc..

The termly planning is up in the Childcare corridor; please feel free to have a look at what we are focusing on learning each week.

Welcoming group time

We are introducing our children to a group time session. This provides an opportunity for children to interact with adults and other children. During group time we sing our 'hello song' to welcome the children, focus on a variety of small group activities, and talk about the activities set up in both rooms that everyone can enjoy as part of explorer time.

We have group times on their arrivals each morning and afternoon, which begin at 9.00am and 12.15pm each day. Can we ask parents and carers to arrive before our group time each morning and afternoon and drop your child in the correct room, either Apple or Banana.

Have you registered on Tapestry yet?

Tapestry is an online journal recording all the learning and fun of children's early years education. Tapestry enhances this special time, helping practitioners to capture children's experiences as well as monitor development and learning. This unique journal is shared online with parents, who are able to see special moments, view their child's progress and daily care.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any enquiries regarding Tapestry.

Get involved!

You can share your child's learning at home on the tapestry. Please feel free to add any pictures and comments of what you have been up to with your child at home.

Try to speak to your child's key person as often as possible about what your child has been doing, what they have enjoyed, what they need to be doing more of and what you can do at home.

We also provide **parent consultations** if you would like to discuss your child's progress in depth.

AOB

*Please use the Childcare entrance to avoid any traffic on the main school entrance.

*Please remember to bring extra clothes, nappies and wipes for your child.

*Please **do not** park on the yellow school zone markings, as it is not safe for the children.

Holiday Playscheme

There will be a Holiday Playscheme for children aged 2 to 5 years during the mid-term break from Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October 2016. Certain days fill up very quickly so please make your booking with Carole or Basia (01865 245 768) as soon as you know your requirements.

Dates for your diary

Autumn term 1

6th September – 18st October 2018

NB: Inset day (School will be closed for staff training)

12th October 2018 †

7th January 2019

Half term week/ October playscheme

22nd October – 26th October 2018

Autumn term 2

29th October – 21st December 2018

Thank you for all your support

Best wishes from the Apple/Banana room team

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