



Newsletter

18/10/19

*In Squirrels this week the children have been continuing to explore Autumn with a lovely sensory bin and orange themed tuff tray. The children have also been learning colour names and exploring colour-mixing, beginning to work with numbers 1-5, and playing 'Kym's Game' to help them build vocabulary and develop problem solving skills. In Penguins the children have been very excited by a dressing up basket full of superhero clothes which has led to amazing interactive role-play around this theme. They also continued to explore themes around the Autumn season, including art activities using leaves and themed colours, and beginning to talk about Hallowe'en. Outside all of the children have really enjoyed learning how to play collaboratively and develop a narrative in their play using small world activities themed around wild animals and vehicles. In between the torrential rain we have also been able to access the mud garden area where children have developing lots of skills using sand and mud. **Please see our picture section at the end of the newsletter and visit the website! We will be adding more pictures to the diary once the Harvest raffle has taken place!***

School Admissions

If your child is due to start school in September 2020 the paperwork for primary/infant admission will be posted out to you by mid-November 2019. **If you do not receive a pack by 1st December then please contact Gloucestershire County Council directly.**

The deadline you must apply for a school place is 15th January 2020. Allocation day (the day when you find out which school has been offered to your child) is 16th April 2020.

For more information please see the poster on our entrance door, or do not hesitate to speak to a member of the office staff.

Suitable Outdoor Clothing

The weather is certainly now turning very cold and wet at times - please ensure that your child comes to playgroup with plenty of layers, a warm waterproof coat and suitable shoes for outdoor play. **Please also provide a bag with a named pair of wellies!** All children will also need to have a bag with a change of clothing every day including top, trousers or leggings, pants and socks.

Inset Day Reminder

Please remember that we will finish for the half term break on **Thursday 24th October**, with Friday 25th October being an INSET day. We will then return on Monday 4th November.

Photographer visit

If you still haven't returned your reply slip, please can you do so by Thursday 24th October? Your child's photograph will not be taken unless we have the permission slip signed by you.

Harvest Raffle

We now have four small hampers made up ready for our Harvest Festival, if you would still like to donate items we will be sending any extra items to 'The Forest Food Bank. We are planning a mini Harvest Festival for the children in Penguins room on Wednesday 23rd October, and parents/carers are welcome to join us from 2.30pm. **If your child does not normally attend that day, please feel free to come in and join us.** The children will perform a few Harvest/Autumn themed songs, and will be helping to put our model hedgehog 'Twinkle' to bed in his nest so that he can hibernate for the Winter! We will also draw the Harvest raffle on that day.

Dates for the diary:

- W/C 21st October – Harvest Raffle to be drawn
- Thursday 24th October – last day of term 1
- Friday 25th October – In Service Day-nursery closed
- Monday 4th November – Start of Term 2
- Wednesday 6th November – Photo Day
- Friday 15th November – Children In Need (details to follow)
- Monday 25th November – In Service Day- nursery closed
- Friday 20th December – End of Term for Christmas
- Monday 6th January – Start of Term 3

