



## Teddy Bears Nursery School Newsletter- October 2019

### HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION

This year we plan to have a food collection for 'The Rowans Hospice'. We think this is a deserving charity as they do such good work. Please place donated food (no fresh food) in our collection box by the front door between 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October and encourage your child in the importance of helping others!!!

### BREAD TASTING DAY

This month we shall be celebrating Harvest Festival with lots of cooking, tasting and creative activities. This will include a bread tasting day on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, when we would like every child to bring a chunk/slice of bread (or a roll) to try and explore with their peers. This is to demonstrate to the children the wide variety of breads/rolls and encourage them to taste them. So please remember to send some kind of bread in with your child on that day!!!

### DIWALI 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

During this week we shall be celebrating the Festival of lights. We will be providing experiences of Indian culture through creating Diva Lamps and having lots of fun with Indian music, clothes and crafts.



### HALLOWEEN PARTY- THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2-4 PM

As is the Teddy Bears tradition, we will be having a party on this spooky day! Children are encouraged to wear fancy dress. There will be lots of scary games and spooky dancing. If you would like your child to attend this event please inform a member of staff. Every child who comes needs to bring an item of food for the Halloween Tea. A list of requirements will be on display 2 weeks prior to this date.

There will be a charge of £10 for children attending term time only to come to the party. Please book if you wish your child to attend.

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE GARDEN?

As Autumn takes hold all the children will be observing the changes in the garden. They will be looking closely at the trees and plants discussing the variety of colors they can see and what has happened to all the leaves.

Changes in the weather will also be a big topic as we get more wind and rain, so make sure you provide welly boots and wet weather gear on rainy days so the children can get out and experience it!

Each group will also be making a Harvest Scarecrow from old clothes, newspaper, string and straw to display in the garden so please venture out to have a look!



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### STUDENT

Gracie Murphy will be training with us from Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for a month. She is currently doing her NVQ Level 3 at Fareham College.

### BAGS FOR DIRTY CLOTHES

Could we please request you leave a plastic bag in your child's clothes bag for us to keep the dirty clothes? As you are aware we do not get any plastic bags with our shopping and would be helpful if you could provide one to separate the dirty clothes.

### IMPORTANT POINTS AND REMINDERS

- Changing Sessions: Could we please remind parents that due to staff ratio's it is really difficult for us to swap days or sessions.
- Holiday Charge: We do not charge for the permanent 8 Bank holidays and the week between Christmas and New Year, however all other times are charged. Fees are still due even if your child is off sick or on holiday.
- Holiday: Please make sure you give at least two weeks' notice before your holiday, for us to deduct the charges for meals.
- Early Drop Offs and Late Pick Ups: We would appreciate it if you could keep to your session times and do not bring or collect your children more than 5 minutes outside of their session times, unless you have made prior arrangements with the nursery.
- Lunchtimes: Could we please ask parents to try **not** to phone the nursery between 12 and 1 pm. This is the busiest period of the day and all hands are on deck! It can cause quite a disruption when staff have to answer the phone, however obviously emergencies are an exception!
- Due to the current worries concerning children at nurseries and the use of mobile phones, we are requesting parents not to use their phones while in the building, but to keep them safely in bags or pockets.
- Please clearly label lunchboxes, shoes, bottles, cups, coats and dummies as this prevents a great deal of upset and inconvenience when items get lost or mixed up.
- Please could we ask parents **not** to allow their children to bring toys or valuable items to nursery as it can cause issues with others? The bags provided for Koalas and Polars are for changes of clothes only.
- Just to remind parents that if you see your child's name highlighted on the register it is because a member of staff wishes to discuss a matter with you.
- Please do not leave any food in clothes bags, place it on the lunch trolley.
- The front door may or must only be opened by a member of staff. Please do not open the door to any other parent even when you know them well.
- Please be quiet in the corridor if you pick up or drop off your child around 1pm as many of our babies and toddlers are sleeping at that time.

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

We have five Birthdays this month.

