

Newsletter October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are well into the terms activities with our planning in full flow and meeting all of the parents at this terms parents afternoons.

Parents First Aid Course

A **FREE** parent's first aid course will be on Tuesday 10th October from 5.30pm until 8pm. The course will be a relaxed evening with tea, coffee and biscuits. This gives you the opportunity to learn life saving skills for yourself and your child.



Wellies & Coats

Throughout the autumn we are hoping to get out on lots of walks, to explore the difference in the environment as the seasons change. Please make sure your child brings their wellington boots and a waterproof coat each day, so we are able to splash in the puddles and investigate the noise of the leaves as we walk through them on our walks.

The training we are involved in:

Louise is now training towards her Level 2 as a Team Leader, and Gosia is training for her Level 5 in childcare. Rachel is continuing her University course and learning towards her BA Honours Early childhood.

Jess & Katie have been on the two part course called, Communication for all – signs and symbols, this course is learning the beginnings of Makaton, and how to use it with the children. They will be encouraging their new knowledge in the rooms.

Katie & Ruth are still taking part on their 4 part course called, Lets Interact. This is a course which opens the eyes of a practitioner how language is used in practice and how many questions they are using whilst interacting with children, it also teaches how to encourage the children's speech and communication.

A baby is due...

As you all can tell, Layla is expecting her second child, he is due at the beginning of December and her last day before her maternity leave begins will be Wednesday 8th November. We wish Layla the best of luck for the last stage of her pregnancy and we will let you all know when baby has arrived along with his name and weight.

Questionnaires

We would like to thank you all for taking the time to complete the questionnaires. We got some great feedback and as always, we are working to improve the setting and practice given from areas pointed out.

Apple Picking

The children have been helping pick the apples of the trees for our yummy puddings, Annette has made some delicious apple crumbles for us to enjoy. Please do help yourselves if you would like some, we have a bucket in the preschool room with fresh every day.

Raising Money

Thank you Darcey & Frankie's mummy, William & Arthur's daddy, Henry & his grandad, Kayden's mummy, Elizabeth's mummy and Leo's nan for attending our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 29th September, a big thank you to Mrs Dickinson (Thomas' mummy) for making a yummy cake! The children baked some great cakes and together we raised: £75.

Flintham Show

We all really enjoyed our bus ride to Flintham Show, going on a tractor ride, saw different animals and saw the different ploughing stage throughout the years.

A big thank you goes to Kayden's mummy for coming with us on the day, Martha & her mummy for meeting us there and Isla-Rae's daddy who also met us there.

We took part in a few competitions and did very well:

1st for a painting under 5's – Isla-Rae,

3rd for a decorated plant pot,

2nd for wonky carrots,

2nd place for a box model of a Combine Harvester created by all the children,

High commended for a decorated plant pot and a painting for Georgia.

Please see the entries on display in the Pre-school room and see Facebook for the photographs.



Muddy Footprints

We held a county network for Muddy Footprints. Practitioners from other Early Years settings around Newark attended to see how we make use of our wonderful outside area. Here at nursery we are able to cover all seven areas of the EYFS (Early Years Framework) in our outside areas where we can focus on areas such as knowledge and understanding of the world by looking after our animals and doing bug hunts, to Physical development by climbing and experimenting with a range of ways to move. The outside area was highly praised when we had our recent good OFSTED.

Stay & Play sessions

If you are interested in taking part in our Stay & Play sessions, please speak with your room leader to arrange a suitable time slot. This is the perfect opportunity to see your child in the setting, find out what they enjoy doing best and join in with the fun activities planned. You can decide the time from 1 hour to 2 hours and what activity you enjoy doing most with your child.

Thank you for all your praise for the recent *GOOD OFSTED* we have received.