

Newsletter- October 2023



Dear Parents,

We would like to say a big WELCOME to all of our new starters. Here's hoping that they have a fantastic time joining in with lots of fun activities and making new friends. We also would like to Welcome Jessica to our team, our new apprentice completing her Level 2, and Georgia who is working in the Creative Room and is Level 3 Qualified.

Our Health- The theme for October is Healthy Living. By staying healthy we shall be looking at fruit and cutting it up to make our own snack, practicing different types of exercise in the garden and demonstrating how we can brush our own teeth! We are hoping to have a visit from the dentist and we will be going on lots of different walks around the neighbourhood too.



Parent Afternoons

Parent Afternoons are available. Should you wish to arrange a time with your child's room lead, the dates are as follows:

- Monday 9th October – 1.30pm-3.30pm – Discovery
- Tuesday 10th October – 1.30pm-3.30pm – Explorers
- Wednesday 11th October – 1.30pm – 3.30pm – Creative
- Thursday 12th October – 1.30pm – 3.30pm – Explorers
- Friday 13th October – 1.30pm – 3.30pm – Creative



There is an exciting new addition to the team! We have recently made a new home for a Mini Lop rabbit, but he needs a name! The children have been asked for their suggestions and they will be voting for their choice using our very own ballot box! Please place your vote with your child for:

Crumble, Crumpet, Hop or Narna

The votes will be counted and verified and the rabbits name will be announced by Tuesday 10th October.



Flintham Show - The children had a great time at Flintham show. They were able to see the cows, sheep and horses in their pens being judged as well as spotting the Alpacas from the local farm. The children were very excited to see that they received four 'Highly Commended' certificates for their artwork that they had sent in. Two for our lovely pasta necklaces and two for our paintings. A big thankyou to all parents who helped us with the visit. We hope you had as much fun as we did!!

Visit from the Vicar – We had a lovely visit from Louise the Vicar, who came and read a story to the children and spoke to us about the Harvest Festival. We plan to go and explore the church and look at the inside, seeing all of the colourful windows and investigating what else can be found.



Pumpkin Picking- We will be jumping on the bus again to go to Maxey's Farm Shop to hunt for our very own pumpkins! If any parents would like to join us on the trip it would be very much appreciated. This will be on Wednesday 18th October, during the morning, arriving back to nursery before lunchtime.



Our extra-curricular activities for this term include French, Caterpillar Music twice a week and Little Movers twice a week. We will also be venturing out to The Oaks to sing, the lake, the library and the park as we always do.

Throughout September we have had some exciting trips around Newark including, visiting the Castle and The Civil War Museum in town.



Macmillan – A huge Well Done to Abbie, who has raised a staggering £150 for Macmillan Support through skipping ten minutes every day throughout September. £45 of which was made through nursery. Thankyou to all donations from parents. She also taught the children to skip while at nursery as a part of her daily tally!

Employee of the Month – Our star practitioner for this month is Ashika. She has been working well on her Level 2 Childcare qualification, with it almost being at the end. She also brought in things from home to do an exciting All About Me, discussing her travels back to India for her holiday.

Stay and Play- We start our Stay and Plays again this term and invite you to have a short time here with your child. Our Stay and Play times are usually from 9:00-10:30am but you are more than welcome to stay longer.



Staff Training

- All staff have now updated their Level 2 Safer Food Hygiene Certificate.
 - Rachel has started an NPQ in Early Years Leadership.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 2nd October – Rabbit to the vets.
- Thursday 5th October – Visit to the Church.
- Friday 6th October – Collingham Park Visit – Parents welcome
 - Tuesday 10th October – Rabbits name announced!!
 - Week Commencing 9th October – Parents Afternoons
 - Wednesday 18th October - Pumpkin Picking Trip
- Week Commencing 23rd October – Two week Half Term Break