

Newsletter – Autumn 2020



Dear Parents,

WELCOME to Lucas, Olivia Grace, Eliza, Cali-Harper, Felix, Mario and Isla who have joined us. We hope they have great fun and enjoy making lots of new friends.

Colour, Shape, Pattern and Number

This term we are looking at a different theme each week. The first being patterns, where we will look at all of the patterns around us in nature and how we can make our own.

We will then be focusing on Colours, where we will wear a different colour each day and look at what we can find in each of those colours. Please see our chalk board for the colours.

We will also be raising money for Children in Need and celebrating Diwali in the same week. Please send in pictures of you baking to your Tapestry account, where a 'Star Baker,' will receive a prize.

After that we will also explore shapes and numbers with a wide range of activities

Winter clothes

Please can you make sure that your children are coming to nursery with clothing for the colder weather. This will enable us to continue getting out on our walks as much as possible, making full use of our outdoor areas. Hat, coat, gloves and wellies, all labeled would be very helpful.



Staff Training

As part of our professional development all of the staff have completed online courses throughout the last few months including Level 2 courses involving, 'Understanding Challenging Behaviour,' and, 'Autism.'

Employees of the Month.

Our Employee of the Month for August was **Layla**... who has worked extremely well in the Discovery Room and brought in lots of new ideas for the babies.



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Then our Employee of the Month for September is **Tracy** the cook, for helping to make a new menu catering for different allergies and getting ready for the colder weather.

Themes....

We have been looking at Autumn and Harvest during the last few weeks. We have had two visits from Josie Troop,



who is the East Midlands Student and Young Farmer Ambassador to talk to the children about the importance of farming. We were able to look at her tractor as well as sitting in the driver's seat using the controls. We have also had a visit from Louise the local vicar to talk to us about the meaning behind harvest.

To the Future...



We are starting to get back into the community by getting on plenty of walks around Balderton. Children from the Creative Room have been giving directions and showing the way to their homes. If you do not live close enough to nursery for our little legs, please can you pop in a photograph of your houses for us to pop on our map.

Tapestry

A big thank you to everyone popping on Tapestry pictures for us to see. It helps the children key practitioner to link the pictures to their assessment profiles, to assess their development. Please keep them coming in.

Paddington/Hugo the Hedgehog

If you would like to take our holiday buddies on a little adventure, please let Rachel or Gosia know and we will make sure that their suitcases are packed and they are ready to go.



Ozzy the Tortoise

We have been looking for ideas for a new pet that we would all like to have at nursery. A friend of the nursery has kindly offered to let us care for their tortoise Ozzy throughout November to see how we get on! We shall let you know how this goes and what the children decide on.

Good Luck - We would like to wish Maddie lots of luck in her new job. She has moved onto pastures new.



Also Good Luck to Layla, who after moving house, is moving onto a new job role which is closer to home for her. She has been with us for nearly ten years and we shall miss her. We wish you both all the luck in the world, in their new adventures.

