**October Newsletter 2023**

Hello, I hope this newsletter finds you all well!

Another month has past here at nursery, and it was a busy month. We welcomed back families, and we welcomed new families too. All the children have now settled well into nursery. We’ve all enjoyed getting to know one another and make new friends.

The preschool children have been looking at how tall they all are, by measuring each other with pieces of ribbon. At the end of the school year they will re-measure each other again and look at how much they have grown!

The Squirrel children have enjoyed sharing family photos and talking about members of their family. Please do drop in and have a look at our family board.

This week the Penguins staff will introduce themselves to you as your child’s keyperson.

Squirrel parents, staff have already mentioned who will be your child’s keyperson. If you are unsure please ask Chloe or Jo and they will let you know, who your child’s keyperson is.

During this term, staff in both rooms will be doing knowledge updates via Parenta on your child and planning their next learning steps. If there is anything you are doing at home with your child that you would like your child’s keyperson to continue with, please let them know.

**What we will be doing this term**:

Penguin’s Room: The preschool room will be reading “Room on a Broom” by Juila Donaldson and looking at the changes in the environment that Autumn brings.

Squirrel’s Room: The Squirrel children will be exploring Autumn through sensory play, collecting natural materials to enhance the experience. A email was sent last week about our new share a book library. The box is place outside on the shelving by the main entrance. Please help your child chose a book to take home and read to them. Return when finished and select another one. We will also be doing a ‘Read to your child’ session towards the end of the term. More details to follow.

When out and about with you child/children, look for signs that Autumn is on its way. Talk about how the leaves are changing colour on the trees and falling to the ground. Please bring in any Autumn treasures that you find!

**Thank You**:

Thank you so much for the parent who volunteer their time last weekend to help with some basic maintenance around the nursery. We greatly appreciated it. We’re always looking for any body who can help us out with some basis jobs. As a charity there are times when we don’t have funds for some small jobs. If you can help in anyway at any time, please see a member of staff.

**Other information**:

**WEATHER/CLOTHING**

**PLEASE** can you ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the day’s weather. We access outdoors in all-weather. As the weather is now changing your child will need a warm coat and a named pair of wellies to leave at nursery if possible. A spare bag of clothing including pants/nappies, socks, jumper, top, bottoms and a spare pair of shoes.

Each item MUST be labelled including bags and lunch boxes. We do have several children with the same lunch boxes and bags, so this can sometimes get a tad confusing.

**PLEASE** can you also ensure your child has a **NAMED** water bottle with them daily.

**Lunch Boxes**: We ask that you to provide a healthy lunch box for your child. In setting we do have a healthy eating Policy that we adhere to.

A healthy lunch box can include items such as: wrap/sandwich/pasta, small piece of fruit/vegetable sticks, yogurt and a small cake or biscuit. Please refrain from sending in chocolate bars. PLEASE ensure that any items that are round (grapes, cherry tomatoes) are cut into length ways. This can prevent a choking hazard. WE are a **NUT FREE ZONE** please refrain from sending in any food items that may contain nuts including chocolate spread. Thank you.

**Committee**: Your nursery needs you! We are a non-for-profit charity nursery. It is a legal requirement for us to have committee members, in order for the nursery to continue providing top quality childcare. We are seeking new members to join our committee. If we do not gain enough members, then will be forced to close the nursery!

If you are interested in joining our committee and becoming involved in how we run and operate then please see Kayleigh. All that we ask is that you attend 1 yearly AGM and up to 3 meetings throughout the year and possible an emergency meeting if needed. During meetings you will discuss the daily running of the nursery and any other matters that arise. Meetings are generally held during the day at the nursery, your child is welcome to come along if childcare is an issue. We even provide tea/coffee and yummy biscuits! If you are interested which I’m sure you will be, then please ask a member of staff or speak to Kayleigh the settings manager.

**IMPORTANT DATES**:

Tuesday 24th October Squirrel’s Room: ‘Read to your Child’ session 2.40pm-3pm

We break up for October half term on Thursday 26th October and return on Monday 6th November.

Friday 27th October is an INSET DAY so nursery will be closed on this day.

Many thanks

Jo.