

The Pumpkin Patch Nursery School

Autumn Newsletter 2015



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Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new children and their families to our nursery. Everybody seems to have settled in extremely well over the past few weeks.

There have been some staff changes recently, Nikki has moved up into the Baby Bears room and has taken over as room leader. Nikki has a lot of experience with all ages and we are happy to have her in this role. Jasmine is now working in the Baby bears room with Nikki. She is a newly qualified member of staff and holds a level three certificate.

We are pleased to welcome three new members of staff to our ever growing team:

Aimee Pyrah has joined us as our new apprentice, she is currently working in Snack a Jacks with Paige and Laura.

Beverley Sawyer is our newest member of the Baby Boo's team. She has worked with children for fifteen years, nine of which have been with babies.

Shauna Walker has joined Nikki and Jasmine in the Baby Bear's room, Shauna is experienced in working with all ages in a variety of settings.

Dates for your diary

21/10/15: October Half term

Funded children to break up for the October half term and to return on 02/11/15.

30/10/15: Halloween party

Children who are attending on this day are invited to wear fancy dress.

12/11/15: Parents Evening

Please book an appointment with your child's keyworker, these will run every ten minutes between 6.00pm and 7.30pm.

13/11/15: Children in need

We will be having a fancy dress day and the theme will be "Childhood heroes". A small donation would be appreciated on the day. Thank you.

15/12/15: Baby Boo's Christmas party

Children who do not attend on this day are welcome to be dropped off at the party for 2.00pm but they must be collected by 3.30pm.

16/12/15: Baby Bear's Christmas party.

Children who do not attend on this day are welcome to be dropped off at the party for 2.00pm but they must be collected by 3.30pm.

18/12/15: Snack a Jack's Christmas party.

Children who do not attend on this day are welcome to be dropped off at the party for 2.00pm but they must be collected by 3.30pm.

18/12/15: End of term

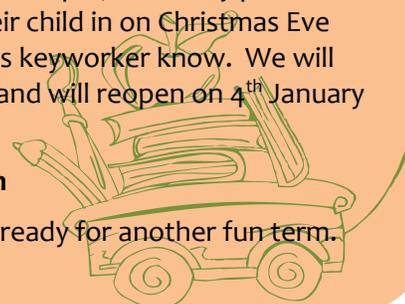
Funded children to break up for the Christmas holidays.

24/12/15: Christmas Break

Nursery will close at 12.00pm, could any parents who are bringing their child in on Christmas Eve please let their child's keyworker know. We will be closed for the week and will reopen on 4th January 2016.

04/01/16: Spring term

All children are back ready for another fun term.



Notices

As we are now officially in autumn could parents please ensure their child arrives at nursery with a warm coat and in cold weather a hat and gloves. We would be grateful if you could clearly label your child's belongings to avoid confusion.

Due to storage space within the nursery we are unable to accept bulk packs of nappies and wipes. Could each parent please provide a child's backpack containing nappies, wipes, creams and spare clothes. This backpack will be kept on your child's peg in the hallway during the day and taken home to be replenished in the evenings. Plastic bags cannot be accepted for health and safety reasons.

Staff are unable to let afternoon children in to the building before their session starts. The door will be opened at 1.00pm.

We would like to remind parents to collect their child fifteen minutes before the session ends. This is to ensure that staff can speak to each parent about their child's day and hand over any important information if necessary.

The snack a jacks children are going to be given the opportunity to take part in our library scheme. They will take a book home each week on their first day in nursery and will return it after a week.

The team from Bury oral health unit will be visiting on 15th October to talk about the importance of healthy eating and good oral hygiene. The visit will be fun as well as educational, the children will meet the mascot Danny the Dinosaur and have the opportunity to help him brush his teeth.

After the great success of our Millie's Trust fundraiser in July we were delighted to host a first aid course for our local community. The course was received well by the attendees and we will be hosting more in the future.



Happy 1st Birthday to the Pumpkin Patch Nursery School!

The Pumpkin Patch celebrated its first birthday on 23rd September, we have had a fantastic year with our children and their families. The children helped us celebrate with this amazing birthday cake made by Joanne Whittaker.

We would like to thank our children and their families for their continued support over the last year.

Thank you

Suzanne, Laura and the Pumpkin Patch team.