



The Mulberry Bush Nursery

December 2023 Newsletter

Dear All

Welcome to our December newsletter, please find detailed below lots of information about what we have been doing at Nursery recently and any upcoming events for your diaries.

Charity events

Children in Need - The week commencing 13th November 2023 we helped to raise money for **Children in Need**. We enjoyed different activities during this week including taking part in Pudsey themed activities, dressing in our pyjama's, having discos and lots more!

Christmas Jumper Day - We will be joining in with this event again this year, holding a Christmas jumper week, the week of the 4th December. Please wear your Christmas jumpers and donate a pound to raise money for "Save the children". Along with a raffle!

Please join in the fun and help us raise as much money as possible.

Change of Details - Please remember to inform us of any change to your personal details such as mobile phone numbers, home telephone numbers and your address, thank you.

Christmas Lunch - Please be advised that the menu will be changed on December as our chef Rickie, will be cooking a traditional Christmas Dinner for the children.

Christmas Parties - w/c 11th December we will be holding **Christmas Party Week** to ensure all children have a chance to take part in the fun! There will be musical fun, games, party snacks and more! Children are welcome to dress up for this occasion.

Christmas Workshop - On Saturday 9th December 10am - 11:30am we will be holding our Christmas Workshop; this is an event for children of all ages. All rooms have been busy planning for this event, there will be activities, games and more! Please speak to management to see about securing a place for this event.

Safety Awareness - Back in August Laura was involved in an accident, this resulted on a boiling hot water bottle to explode on Laura, she has been recovering well and will continue to do so for the next couple of years. Every month, we will be providing our families with information to ensure your children and families are safe, and how to help prevent accidents around the home, etc, from happening. So far, we have shared information on Burns Safety and Firework & Bonfire Safety, we will continue to share different awareness information each month. Go to www.capt.org.uk/ to find out more information.

Bad Weather - Should severe weather conditions over the winter period force the nursery to close before the usual time of 6pm you will be contacted by the Office to make arrangements to collect your child/ren early. Should conditions be too hazardous to open the nursery we will send out an email to all parents who are able to be contacted in this way and telephone those whom we do not have an email address for. We will also endeavour to contact BBC Radio Suffolk and BBC Radio Norfolk who will read out and/or publish a list of school/nursery closures and put a message on face book.

Staffing - as most of you will be aware, we have had a number of staff changes of the last few months. Please see below our staff and their job role:

Management

Tracy - Proprietor

Laura - Manager

Vicky - Deputy Manager

Baby Room

Catherine - Room Leader

Jenna - Deputy SENCO

Sarah E

Natalie

Kacey

Buds

Abbie - Room Leader

Nadia

Lena

Tegan - Holiday Club Leader

Jazz

Berries

Sarah H - Room Leader

Sharon - SENCO

Annette

Additional

Sandra - Bank Staff

Julie B - Bank Staff

Jess - Bank Staff

Clare - Bank Staff

Rickie - Nursery Cook

Julie E - Nursery Cook

Jackie - Teatime Cook

Application for Reception Places - Please note that if your child is due to start Primary school in September 2024 that the deadline for applying for a space is **15th January 2024**. Many open days for the schools have been but some schools might accept a show round, please contact schools directly to ask.

Berries -

Buds - Every term is a busy one for Buds but the autumn term in particular has lots going on!!

September started with a number of transitions of children moving up from Babies and onwards to Berries. Our new starters have settled fabulously and are getting stuck in with all that we do!

We've explored the changing seasons from summer (remember that mad hot week in September?!) into autumn and are beginning to see signs of winter creeping in too. Getting outside is the best way to explore these changes and the Buds sure do enjoy being outside!! They love water play and even though we've gone from providing water to keep cool in the heat to playing in the mud kitchen with pots and pans that have been filled with rain, the Buds don't seem to mind!

Please remember to bring your child in with named wellies and a WARM coat if they don't already have them stored at nursery, the weather won't stop us from getting outside.

This is evident through our walks as we've been getting out and about, leaving the nursery, every other week no matter the weather. We are always trying to think of ideas for adding interest to our walks taking toys with us, changing the route, looking for certain things and the Buds love it.

This term we've been adding in more cooking or other food-based activities to our plans, we've made jam tarts, biscuits and the vegan banana bread was a huge success too!! These activities help aid in developing a variety of physical kitchen skills such as cutting, mixing, and pouring as well as supporting all other areas of development such as turn taking, following instructions, and measuring amounts too!

There's been lots of celebrations recently and we've explored Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali, and Remembrance Day all within the last couple of months, making various artwork, exploring messy and sensory trays, even role play. We carved pumpkins, and made pumpkin pictures using apples cut in half, we used spray bottles to create a big piece of firework artwork outside, explored coloured rice and making patterns for Diwali and carefully dotted red marks with cotton buds to make poppies.

We're really enjoying getting stuck into all of our Christmas activities and are looking forward to our Christmas parties too!! We have lots of fun and exciting things planned!

Babies - The babies have been very busy since our last update! We've made the most of all the beautiful days in the sunshine and getting involved in lots of messy play and water play. This enables us to practice our pouring and filling skills and gives us lots of opportunities to expand on our language too! We love our walks to see the tractors and sometimes the sheep too! Whilst on our walks we practice our listening skills and wait to walk with our teachers, there is lots to see, listen and talk about on a walk.

We enjoyed our Roald Dahl themed week with lots of exciting activities, such as chocolate scented painting and making our own mini versions of the chocolate cake from the film Matilda! We have also explored Autumn treasures and been all around the world in a week too! We're really enjoying all the festivities and making our own special pieces to take home.

Term Time Children -Term finishes Friday 22nd December and begins again on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Dates for your Diary (also available on the website)

Event	Date
Christmas Jumper week in aid of save the children	W/C 4 th December 2023
Nursery Christmas Workshop 10am - 11:30am	Saturday 9 th December 2023
Nursery Christmas Parties	W/C 11 th December 2023
The Mulberry Bush Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 13 th December 2023
Term time only children finish for Christmas	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Nursery Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Nursery Opens	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
Term Time Only Children Return to Nursery	Friday 5 th January 2024
Last day for term time only children	Friday 16 th February 2024
Spring Half Term TTO	19 th - 23 rd February 2024
Spring term 2 begins	W/C 26 th February 2024