



## Fir Trees Newsletter

### **We reopen Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November Children in Need week from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Dear Parents

This half term we will be celebrating Diwali and Bonfire Night. These wonderful festivals give us the opportunity to explore colour, light, tastes and so much more.

It is time for lots of sparkles and glitter.

From 1<sup>st</sup> December we will celebrate Christmas and nursery will be transformed into a winter wonderland. We know how to celebrate Christmas well!!

We call the festivals and special event themes our umbrella planning. In the moment, spontaneous experiences form the core of the children's learning at nursery and their current interests and likes will carry on throughout the year.

#### **Children In Need**

We urgently need raffle prizes for Children in Need.

We will be raising money from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Children can wear Pudsey clothes or something yellow or spotty all week!!

#### **Closing times**

Just a reminder that we close at 5pm on Tuesday and 4pm on Friday.

All other days are 5.30pm.

#### **Attendance**

We have managed to stay open without any closures so far this term. Thank you for your cooperation with keeping children at home who are unwell.

We know it is difficult when you are working to have your children off nursery however it has stopped the spread of so many germs and the need for other children to have PCR testing unnecessarily.

Thank you again!!

#### **Key Workers**

All Learning Journeys will be sent home towards the end of this term for you to have a look at all the lovely things your children have been doing.

Keyworkers have been able to chat at the door when possible, about progress and activities we have been doing. If you would like to have a chat inside, please ask at the door and we will be able to accommodate this at any time.

### **Fir Trees Nursery School Friends: Facebook page**

I think the majority of families are now accessing this closed group page. Thank you to all for your contributions as we love seeing all your activities.

Please join if you can as I do find it a very quick and immediate way of putting out information to as many of you as possible.

### **Reminders and Information for New Families**

- Please label all uniform, as several children have the same size and colour.
- **Please label all lunch boxes and drinks.**
- Please cut all cherry tomatoes, mini sausages and grapes etc. Sausages need to be cut lengthways. This is to avoid possible choking hazards at lunch time.
- Drinks are available throughout the session, but please provide one from home if staying for lunch.
- Croc shoes are very popular but are a trip hazard at nursery during outdoor play.

### **Fees**

We will email the fees at the beginning of each month.

Please make a payment within ten working days.

### **Phonics, Letters and Sounds**

The children who are moving up the school in September 2022 will do a fun phonics session at least twice a week.

We are focusing on initial sounds in words and words that rhyme. We are now also moving on to blending and hearing middle and end sounds in words.

This is always fun and enjoyed by all.

We do not focus on the letter name, we focus on the sound of each letter.

### **Government Funding**

If you are eligible for 30 hours funding from January 2022, please obtain your code before the end of December 2021. [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

If you already have your 30 hour code, please use the website above to renew your code before the start of every term. If the code is not renewed, you may lose 15 funded hours per week for that term.

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