

## October/November 2019

Hello everyone, I hope you had a lovely half term break. This half term is going to be a busy one, packed with fun activities and ending with Christmas festivities!

### Staff News

We will be sharing Erika with our Newton nursery this half term; she will still be with us every Tuesday until the end of term but from January 2020 she will be at Newton. We are going to miss her but as Newton is the nursery closest to where Erika lives, it makes perfect sense for her. Also - we can't just *teach* sharing we have to be good at doing it too!

### Parents' Survey

We have prepared a questionnaire to explore how we communicate between home and nursery to share information about your child. We would like to make sure that we are catering for everybody's needs and would value your opinion and feedback. We will be emailing the questionnaire out to you all and you can email your responses back to us if you wish, but we have also printed some paper copies off if you prefer to respond anonymously using the Thoughts and Reflections box on the window sill in the foyer. Please respond by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### Winter Weather & Children's Belongings

Access to the garden is available all year round, so please provide your children with suitable clothing, labelled clearly with their name, in case they choose to play outside. Please take your children's belongings home at the end of each session as we are in shared premises, and unable to store children's belongings overnight. Please also remember to claim any 'lost property' from the box in the foyer; all unclaimed items will be donated to charity shops at the end of each half term. I would like to remind you that it is especially important that lunch boxes and drinks bottles are clearly labelled due to possible issues with allergies/dietary requirements. **In line with our policies, we will label any unnamed lunch boxes or drinks bottles to avoid children using the wrong ones.**

### Children's Photographs

The photographer Andrew Martin will be visiting us on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November; if you would like your child's photo to be taken please make sure that you sign the consent form on the front table. We will not be able to take children in to have their photo taken without your written consent. If your child does not attend nursery on a Monday but you would like their photo taken you are welcome to bring them in so, please let us know so that we can book you in.

### Road Safety Week

We have signed us up for Road Safety Week again; this year it is from 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to check out the website for the event please visit: <http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/> We would welcome any help to raise awareness of road safety, so if you have any ideas or just want to get involved please let us know so we can arrange for you to come in to play.

Of course, towards the end of this half term, Christmas fun will take over the nursery! If anyone would like to come in to share their favourite Christmas crafts or stories please let us know - we would LOVE to have you! We would also love to hear about your child's interests so please let any of us know and we can incorporate them into the sessions. We are always happy for parents and other family members to come

in to play and have had some wonderful activities run by parents and grandparents in the past. Also, please let us know of the festivals and celebrations that your family participates in so we can mark these within our themes. Your input will ensure we do this authentically, using your knowledge and experiences rather than 'Googled' images and text.

### **Christmas Holiday Club**

I am now taking bookings for the Christmas Holiday Club. We will be open on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, closed between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day then open again on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. If you would like to book a place, please complete and return a booking form which is attached to the email with this newsletter. If you prefer a paper copy, there are some on the front table but please let me know if they have run out, so I can print some more off.

### **Our Contact Details**

If you need to get in touch with us our telephone number is 01954 710656 and our email address is [lh.bourn@gmail.com](mailto:lh.bourn@gmail.com).

**Please remember to notify us if there have been any changes to your contact details or to your child's health or medical needs.**