



MONKEY PUZZLE AYLESBURY NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



A WARM WELCOME!

Now the clocks have gone back, it is getting darker much earlier. It is also getting much colder so we would like to remind all parents to provide their child/children with suitable clothing for the colder weather, warm coats, wellies and for the really chilly days a hat and some gloves too! As we are currently in a time of many celebrations, we would like to encourage the children and parents to be vigilant when crossing the roads on the way home and following the correct safety procedures when they're around fireworks.

Thank you to all our staff, parents and children who all participated in our recent celebrations. A special thank you to a very talented parent who donated her time to perform face painting for our children and staff.

A huge thank you to you all for making a special donation towards the Harvest festival. All of the donations will be donated to a local food bank on Friday 10th November.

CELEBRATIONS/DATES FOR THE DIARY

Remembrance Sunday – 12th November
Shoe box donations – No later than 16th November
Children in need – Friday 17th November

Wednesday 13th Dec @ 3.30pm – Christmas production (TBC)

REMINDERS / NOTICES

- Please be aware that you can now apply for **eligibility codes** for the extended funded hours in readiness for next term (January 2018). You can check eligibility and apply for this via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
- We have signed up to the new government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme which you can use to pay your fee's. For every £8 a parent pays into their childcare account, the government adds an extra £2 to the account of eligible parents. Refer to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for more information.
- Thank you to all parents for adhering to our request of not allowing anyone into the nursery when entering and leaving the premises. The safety of our children is a top priority and your support is very much appreciated.
- We would kindly ask that children are brought into nursery with the appropriate clothing to accommodate all weather types. Could parents also please label their children's spare clothes.

MONTHLY THEMES

LADYBIRDS (Babies)

The babies have a very busy month planned ahead with lots of different activities planned. For Guy Fawkes night the babies will be making some pictures of fireworks using some paint and string; they will listen to the different sounds fireworks make and explore balloons that light up for a sensory experience.

For remembrance the babies will decorate a picture of a soldier using lots of different sticking materials and PVA glue; make poppies using some bright red tissue paper and make medals by helping to mix up and explore some salt dough.

To help support children in need the babies will be making their own representation of Pudsey bear using a range of coloured paints. They will decorate flags from around the world to symbolise the different countries the children come from that our donations help. They will take part in a teddy bears picnic role play, pretending to make tea and sandwiches and explore some yellow playdough with hidden pompoms inside.

The staff have requested that the children are brought in with warmer clothing now the weather is getting colder and they would still like to be able to access the garden. We will also be getting ready to practise some Christmas songs so please look out for the handouts.



MONTHLY THEMES

HONEYBEES (Toddlers) & BUTTERFLIES (Pre-school)

The Toddlers and Pre-school children will be looking at the Harvest donation box to discuss what people have donated, where we will be taking the donations and how it will help others.

They will be making some colourful rockets using junk modelling resources, colourful tissue paper, tin foil and paint. They will fly their rockets around the room and make some splat paint firework pictures.

In order to support remembrance the children will use paper plates to make their very own representation of a poppy. They will make soldiers' hats and talk about the brave men and women who helped us.

This year's theme for Children in Need is "Tie-dye" and the children will be exploring colour mixing to make their own headbands and scarves. They will use paint to make Pudsey bear pictures and will be helping to raise money for the charity by baking some yummy tie dye effect cookies.

We will be starting to prepare for our Christmas production by practising some Christmas songs and gathering ideas to make some festive decorations. We would also like to ask for shoe box donations in order for us to make Christmas gift boxes for underprivileged children in third world countries. We only have until mid November before they need to be sent so please pass on any donations of gifts onto the staff at your soonest convenience. We will be making pictures to stick inside them, along with a small gift from all of us.

LEARNING BOOK

- You can access the observations at any time on your computer or phone, and see the learning, activities and fun experienced by your child.
- All observations are linked to the Ofsted 'Early Years Foundation Stage' framework which provides guidance in planning learning activities, observing and assessing 'what' and 'how' your child learns and develops.
- Some parents are already interacting with the nursery by uploading photos, providing comments and sharing activities from home, we would love to see more of what the children do at the weekends so please do upload any photo's that you may have that we can use with the children.
- If you would like some guidance on using this tool please contact us and we will be more than happy to help.



OUR CELEBRATIONS

A GOOD Ofsted Rating, Diwali, Our 1st Birthday and Halloween!!!

