



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children and staff have all been having a great time this month getting to know each other. Relationships and trust between each other have grown and I am proud to see so many happy and engaged children as I walk around the nursery; the interests of the children are really beginning to shine through.

I am pleased to hear positive reports from keyworkers that settling chats with parents and carers have been very helpful to discuss each child in depth. This has allowed us to ensure that we are planning for and delivering a curriculum that is broad and balanced, but that also has each child in mind.

This half term the children have enjoyed lots of different experiences, including our Harvest Festival and lunch, as well as walks around the local environment. The children are really beginning to feel part of the school and wider community, which is fantastic to see. I would like to thank you for your support with this.

Kind Regards

Katey Thompson

Headteacher

	<p><b>Individual School Photographs</b></p> <p>Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 to take individual photographs of the children. You will be sent home a proof on the same day. Sibling group photographs will be available from 9:00-9:15 and 12:45 - 13:00.</p>
<p><b>Pumpkin Competition</b></p> <p>Over half term, please carve a pumpkin with a funny face for our pumpkin competition. Remember to bring them in on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October with a £1 donation, so they are ready for judging on the Wednesday. We have some super pumpkin surprise prizes for the best three.</p>	
	<p><b>Macmillan Coffee Morning</b></p> <p>Thank you so much for all your support for Miss Dean's Coffee morning. The family room was a buzz of activity throughout the day. Thank you to the staff and families who donated cakes to sell, but also to the people who came and purchased them too. We raised an amazing £340 for Macmillan and will be making the donation under Nadine's name.</p>
<p><b>Half Term</b></p> <p>Today is the last day before our week's holiday. This is a polite reminder that children come back on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The staff have training on the Monday.</p>	



### Facebook

Please like our page on Facebook. This, along with the website, is one of the best ways to keep up to date with what the children are doing day to day in the nursery and is how we promote future events.

### October Challenges

You should find attached to this newsletter our October Challenges for children in Red and Blue Class. Have fun completing as many of them as you would like over the holiday.



### Coats

As we come back from the holiday the weather will begin to turn (although we hope it remains sunny for as long as possible!). We do take the children out in all weathers and so please remember to send a coat in every day – and please make sure it is named.

### Diwali Celebration and Workshop

We have arranged for your children to learn about the festival of Diwali by providing a Diwali workshop on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a workshop that you can take part in with your children at the beginning of their session for approximately one hour. **Sorry for the mistake with the date in the previous newsletter!**



### Sickness Policy

As I am sure you are aware we have had a large number of children who have been suffering from sickness and diarrhoea. We are asking that you do follow our policy of 48 hours after the last occurrences, as this prevents from passing it on to other children and will help us to clear it from the nursery much more efficiently.

### Christmas Dates for Diary

**Christmas Bazaar - 3pm-5pm - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018** – A chance for your child to meet Father Christmas and to take part in lots of fun stalls and games.  
**Blue Class Nativity – 11:30am and 2:30pm – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**Red Class Nativity – 11:30am and 2:30pm – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**Christingle Service at St Anne's – 10:30 and 1:30pm – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018** – Volunteers needed – Please speak to staff  
**Christmas Workshop – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018** – Craft session fro the first hour of the session, both morning and afternoon, across the whole school  
**Christmas Party – All children 9am-1pm – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – School Closes at 1pm**



### Term Dates For 2018-2019

Half Term	<b>Monday 22/10/2018 – Friday 26/10/2018</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	School Closed Training Day	
Children Return	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	
Autumn Term	<b>Tuesday 30/10/2018 – Friday 21/12/2018</b>	
Spring Term	<b>Tuesday 08/01/2019 – Friday 09/02/2018</b>	
	07/01/2019	Staff Training– Nursery Closed
	08/01/2019	Green Room and Little Harts Closed – Home Visits Blue and Red Class Children Return