Newsletter

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Welcome to our end of year newsletter. At the end of each year we like to share some of the exciting activities we have been doing each month, we hope you like looking back at all the fun we have had together despite this year looking a little different in many ways!

January - The year started off in full swing and we enjoyed lots of outdoor activities and trips out of nursery. The children enjoyed various 'hands on' activities including car washing which was definitely a big hit! The children enjoyed catching up about how they had spent Christmas with their families.

February - The older children loved an opportunity to have a morning of learning how to ride balance bikes at nursery! They all gained confidence as the session went on and we took lots of photos and videos of them too.

March - we managed to squeeze in lots of activities this month before we entered National Lockdown and the children all learnt to wash their hands very well during this time! We were very sad to close our doors at the end of the month but we knew that we would be back open and ready to go as soon as the Government gave us the green light.

April and May - during a period of unprecedented national Lockdown we all spent time at home with our families whilst the country came together to try and protect the most vulnerable from the virus. We kept in touch with our families via live story times and a quiz night for parents and Paul and I worked hard behind the scenes to prepare the nursery for re-opening as soon as we were allowed to.

June - the sun continued to shine and we were absolutely delighted to welcome back our lovely families to nursery. We settled the children in and our staff worked tirelessly to ensure they followed all of our 'Covid Safe' procedures. We had so many lovely smiles from the children who were delighted to be back and showed such resilience by just adapting to everything seamlessly.

July - everyone was back in the swing of nursery life and all settled in and we enjoyed a beautiful month of laughter, stories and games together. It was so good to have our routines back (for parents, staff and children alike) and you could see everyone's happiness with all the smiles we got to see!

August - the children had such fun enjoying the beautiful weather and playing outside lots. This is a lovely photo of 3 of Pre-School children forming a ‘band’ in the garden which Terri managed to capture on a photo!
We busied ourselves with lots of singing and dancing throughout the nursery as you can see and we are lucky to have several talented musicians in our team!

September - We had themed days throughout the nursery and saw some fantastic costumes! We also said goodbye to our oldest children who went off to their next adventure at school and although we couldn’t have our usual Graduation Celebrations, we still got everybody excited and dressed up in graduation gowns to celebrate their achievements here.

October - We were so excited to be able to go on some local walks again with the children and I was even more excited to be able to go on Forest School sessions again! The children learn so much from being outdoors and being stimulated in different ways and it has also the safest place to be!

November - We had lots of fun this month with Remembrance Day activities and then Bonfire night crafts. As the weather got colder we wrapped up warmer and enjoyed some beautiful crisp winter walks on the footpaths near the nursery which we are so lucky to have nearby.

The children are always fascinated with the smallest details of the natural world like the smoothness of an acorn or the different colours of the Autumn leaves.

December - We didn't let anything dampen our Christmas spirit and our Pre-School staff arranged a fantastic pantomime to perform for the children who missed out on their annual trip to Stockport Plaza. There was festive cheer in every room throughout the nursery and our staff worked hard to ensure that children were totally engaged with the magic of Christmas.

So as we near the end of 2020, I think we can all agree it's been a very unusual year with lots of bumps in the road along the way. However, we must always focus on the positives, remember the good things that have happened and the things we have learnt about ourselves and others this year. I hope that you all have a good Christmas, even though it might not be quite as it was originally planned. Let's make the most of the opportunities we have and be grateful for the smiles that we will see from our children, the awe and wonder in their eyes during this special time of year. Most importantly, don't forget to spend time outside, enjoying the simple things and breathing in the fresh air which never fails to make us feel alive and ready for whatever life throws at us next.

I would like to extend our gratitude to our dedicated and resilient staff team who never fail to make us proud every day. We always feel so lucky to have such a fantastic team and this year has really proved that to us. We are also so extremely grateful to all of our lovely parents who have stuck by us and supported us through this difficult year, we couldn't ask for more from you all so thank you.

We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year,

Kindest regards, Ceri and Paul