

## Newsletter October 2020

### Staff changes in Jumbles

As every year, September brings some changes to our staffing.

We said good bye to Julie, Susannah and Nat and wish them all the best for the future.

We have welcomed Jodie to our team. Jodie has the Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification and has just started working towards the Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Education.

In order to ensure that we can continue to stay open if staff fall ill or have to self isolate we have also taken on several new friendly, enthusiastic bank staff, who are currently being in house trained.

### Themes

Our themes for the half term starting in November are:

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| 2.11. Light and Dark     | 9.11. Colours and Materials |
| 16.11. Signs and Symbols | 23.11 Shapes and measuring  |
| 30.11 & 7.12 Christmas   | 14.12. Winter and Parties   |

### Sickness and other absences

Please see attached chart detailing when and for how long to stay off if you or someone in your household has Corona virus symptoms.

If your child has a temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss of sense of taste or smell, please get advice by going to:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Please keep us informed if this is the case, to allow us to inform others and Public Health England if necessary.

If you are in doubt whether or not your child should attend, please give us a call so we can make a decision together.

### Tapestry

Are you managing to log on to Tapestry to see what we have been up to?

If not, please let us know and we will try to help you.

On top of several individual observations, which are linked to the EYFS we aim for a group observation with photographs of some of the activities that have taken place on the day.

### Dates for your diary (check Tapestry/facebook for Special occasions coming up)

- Autumn half term for **term time only funded** children: Monday 26th-Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Nativity: will be uploaded to Tapestry
- Christmas Closure: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> -Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January
- Summative and Parents meetings w/c 25 January and 1<sup>st</sup> February for the bigs room, w/c 15<sup>th</sup> February for the babies.
- Spring half term for **term time only funded** children: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.
- Jumbles will be **closed** for Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, and Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April
- Easter Holidays for **term time only funded** children Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April.
- Jumbles will be **closed** for early May Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and late May Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May
- Summer half term for term time only funded children Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Summer Holidays for term time only funded children Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – ~Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Please bring:** water bottle, hoodie or jacket, plastic lunch box, fruit to share. **Spare clothes and nappies if needed in a SMALL bag (all labelled)**

**Please do not bring:** toys, cutlery, big bags

**Also attached are:** How can you help me with my learning (all ages), Makaton song and signs for the half term, Safety Tips for Bonfire Night and our Christmas songs.

### Covid 19 update

The measures we have currently put in place are: thorough hand washing of all adults and children on entering and before leaving Jumbles and frequently throughout the day, staff change their uniform daily, we wipe down all lunch boxes and water bottles on coming in, good ventilation (please bring a jumper or hoodie, we do have fan heaters to keep the temperature up though), daily cleaning of all toys and wiping down of surfaces, dressing up clothes restricted to those that are not pulled over the children's head, all dressing up and dolls clothes are washed daily and sadly no sand play to avoid contamination. Phew...

If there is anything you think we should do, please talk to Cath, Sabine or Maddi. We welcome your input.