



Newsletter
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Welcome

Welcome to the North Leeds Community Nursery Newsletter. In this edition you can read about recent events and up and coming activities.

30 hours funding

For those people accessing the 30 hours funding please can you ensure that every three months you update your details and circumstances with HMRC. Failure to update these details can result in you losing the additional 15 hours funding and only being able to obtain the universal 15 hours. You should receive an email from HMRC with a reminder to update your details.

AGM

Thank you to those who came to the AGM at the end of September. It was nice to meet some new parents and put faces to names. The following people are now committee members.

Simon Campbell-Skelling - Chairperson
Sarah Frost - Secretary
Jonathan Bright - Treasurer
Victoria Eustace - Member

Staff Training day

The nursery will be closed on Friday 23rd November for a staff training day. We will be having a training session based on Autism awareness.

Common illnesses

Do be aware that this time of year is very common for children to pick up viruses such as Hand, Foot and Mouth, Chickenpox, Norovirus, common colds and Flu. Please refer to the NHS website for more information on symptoms and treatments.

Bad Weather Policy

Now that the weather is changing we will place a copy of our bad weather policy in your pigeon hole to be aware of the procedures we have in place.

Reading Scheme

Please do keep using the reading scheme. The scheme is there for ALL children to access. A big well done to those children who have completed their reading cards. Each child is awarded with a certificate of merit which hopefully encourages the children to want to read more books. Please could you bring back any books you may have at home that are no longer being read.

Room activity updates.

The Rainbow room have been focusing on Autumn over the last few weeks. They have spoken with the children about the changes in the weather and the colours of the season. The staff have created an interactive wall display where you can take an activity sheet to complete an autumnal walk. You can also bring in any pictures or photographs to be displayed on the board of what you have been doing at home. This week the children will be doing some baking and Pumpkin carving.

The Sunshine children have been enjoying using their senses with the delights of the Autumnal season. The tuff tray has been filled with leaves, sticks and various types of squash vegetables. The children have been using broccoli to paint with. Have you seen their interactive Autumn board? Please do have a look and write / bring in anything we can display of home activities. This week will be a spooky week! With lots of spooky activities planned.

To see what the children have been doing throughout their time at nursery please remember to look in your child's profiles and 'like' us on Facebook as we put regular updates on there.

Firefighters Charity

The firefighters charity will be collecting any unwanted clothes/ items on Friday 16th November. Please see the leaflet in your pigeon hole for more information.

Children in Need

This year we will be supporting **Children in Need**. Throughout the week of the **12th November** children can come to nursery dressed in their Pyjamas. We will be doing various activities throughout the week and having a bake sale during this time. There will be a donation box in the main entrance to accept any donations towards the cause and through the sale of the baked goods. If you have the time please could you donate some baking throughout the week.

Gardening

Thank you to Rachel again who has continued with the gardening. It is looking lovely. If anyone has any winter crops they would like to donate to the garden they would be greatly appreciated .

Tempest photography

Thank you to those who ordered photographs. We hope you liked them as much as we did. We raised £42.67 from your purchases. Please do let us know if you would like any other type of photographs and if you would like them at a particular time of year.

Book Fair

Thank you to those who supported the nurseries first ever book fair. We are not sure how much money has been raised towards the purchase of new books, we will let you know once the books have been sent back.

Winter clothing

Please can you ensure that your children come to nursery in appropriate clothing for the appropriate Seasons. Each child should be bringing in a hat, scarf, gloves and wellies, to keep the cold and wet at bay.

Staffing Changes

We welcome Bethany Hardy to the nursery who will be completing her NVQ level two and three qualifications with us. Bethany will be working in the Sunshine room on a full time basis.

Catriona will be going on maternity leave in November. Her last day will be Friday 9th. Catriona intends to have 9 months off and will return in August. We wish her lots of luck and rest.

Alexandra will be starting her maternity leave at the end of November. Alex intends to have 9 months leave. We wish her lots of luck and rest.

40th Nursery Birthday Celebration

It will be the nurseries 40th birthday celebration next year. We would like to celebrate with a big party for past, present, and future parents. We would like to set up a subcommittee to plan the big day. Please see Elaine if you would be interested in joining this. A meeting will be organised soon.

October fee increase

Please can you ensure you have changed your direct debits, childcare payments to reflect the new fee increase from the 1st October.

Upcoming events & Dates for your diary

- W/c 29th October - Spooky activities
- W/C 29th October and 5th November - FEEE funding not available.
- W/C 12th November - Children in Need pyjama week and bake sale.
- Friday 23rd November - Nursery closed for a staff training day.
- Saturday 8th December - Children's Christmas party.
- Friday 21st December - nursery closes for Christmas.