

NEWSLETTER...November and December 2017



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Parents Evening

Due to the very busy period in our nursery at this time of year, we will be planning to hold our parents evening on Wednesday 24th January 2018. However, if you feel that you would like to meet up with your child's key worker before then please speak to a senior member of management.

More information will soon follow.

Dates for your diary

Monster department road safety training: Friday 24th November at 10:00am and 2:30pm, this will further develop our children's knowledge on being safe.

Nursery Christmas Parties: This Christmas we are excited to announce that Santa and his Reindeers will be visiting the nursery on Wednesday 29th November from 9.45am. Santa will be arriving on his sleigh along with his reindeers. Children will be able to feed and care for the reindeers. The perfect Christmas photo opportunity. Santa will be bringing lots of goodies on his sleigh along with a special Christmas present for each child.

Please note: If your child does not attend nursery on a Wednesday; we will shortly be opening time slots via the office

Little Monsters Christmas Nativity: Tuesday 12th December and Thursday 14th December at 3:30pm - 4:00pm (Tickets will be on sale soon for this event).

Duckling and Owls department Christmas carol singing: Tuesday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children): Wednesday 15th December

Our nursery will be closed on:

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th of December 2016

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Our nursery will be opened normal hours from 8:00am to 6:00pm, however if you know that your child will not be attending nursery can you please let management know as we are an Eco school's nursey, don't want to have a lot of food wastage etc.

Halloween Fundraising event

Thank you to everyone for contributing to our fundraiser on Saturday 28th October. We raised a massive £1,000. These funds will go towards our Christmas activities for the children.



Suggestion Box

We now have a suggestion box located in our down stairs in our reception area. Please feel free to post suggestion as this will be looked at on a weekly basis. This is also a way for us to improve the service we provide, we would really appreciate your thoughts and ideas.

Children's Online Learning Journals

Please ensure that you sign into your child's online journals as this is a great way to see what your child has been learning, their achievements and you can also give us you feedback on your child's development and achievement.

balmore.yourlearningjournals.co.uk

If you need more information regarding this, please speak with Kathleen.

Lower Reception area

Our Nursery Committees

We are currently updating our reception area, parents can access committee big books, minutes of meetings and suggested ways of giving feedback.

Self-Evaluation

Parents will also be encouraged to take part in our voting system which will give us feedback on the service that we provide. Helping us to implement suggestions and improvements.

Our Staff Team

We have had lots of help from our children's committee to devise a new staff team wall, this can now be seen in our entrance area, along with what our children feel and think.

You can easily identify which staff are qualified, please see below:

Senior staff have **PURPLE TOPS**

Qualified staff have **DARK BLUE TOPS**

Trainee staff have **LIGHT BLUE TOPS**

Volunteers have **RED TOPS**



Our Duckling Department



During the next couple of months, the duckling department will be enjoy taking part in creative art experiences for Christmas, learning about baking and different foods, exploring textures, materials and colours.

Our ducklings will be enjoying more outdoor play, can you please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing for example jacket, hat, gloves and scarf, shoes and wellies.

Can all parents please ensure that the are checking your child's "Have you got mail"



Our Owl Department



Over the next couple of months our owls will be learning about their responsibilities in the play room focusing on tidy up times. Our owls have been busy exploring fireworks, making pictures and talking about being safe. Our children have been learning about different rhymes each week and we will be taking part in different activities to raise money for children in need. The colour of the month is pink, and the book of the month is "Little Lou and the woolly mammoth chosen by Colton. During December we will taking part in loads of Christmas experiences and learning new songs.



Our Monster Department



Over the next couple of months our monsters have been rehearsing their parts for their nativity show, learning new songs and dancing. Our children will be learning about health and wellbeing and how we take care of ourselves and our bodies.

Our monster staff will be introducing SHANARRI certificates to teach our children about the importance of being: **SAFE, HEALTHY, ACHIEVING, NURTURED, ACTIVE, RESPECTED, RESPONSIBLE** and **INCLUDED**.

Our children will be celebrating Saint Andrews day on the 30th November 2017 by creating Scotland flags, Scottish music and exploring Scottish foods.