

## NEWSLETTER

7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Welcome back! We hope the children all had a fun-filled half term break. This coming term will be a busy one as we prepare for our Christmas celebrations.

The children have returned to preschool full of stories about Halloween and fireworks which has led to some fantastic firework artwork for our display. In preparation for Bonfire Night we spent time talking with the children about firework safety as well discussing the different emotions and senses that we may experience during the firework displays.

Elsewhere in the room the home corner continues to be very popular. We have introduced special drying cloths for the children to use to mop up their spillages to develop their independence further.

Mary and Morris the Cheeky Monkey are currently working with the children on the letters i and j. Mary is also working with the children to help develop their awareness, memories and recall with the tray game.



## Remembrance Day



The children have been making wax poppies for our remembrance display. Some of the poppies will be used to go on our wreath which we will place on the war memorial at St Lawrence Church on Sunday as part of the Remembrance Day Service. Thank you to Carter who has volunteered to lay the wreath on our behalf.

## Parents Evening at Preschool

Thank you to all the parents who attended this evening. We hope you found it beneficial.

★★★★★Star of the Week★★★★★

Congratulations to Ellie for being our star of the week. Ellie received this for being an excellent wise owl, trying new things and for always being helpful. We look forward to hearing about Ellie and Ollie Bear's adventures next week.

## Children in Need



We shall be celebrating Children in Need all of next week in preschool. We shall be starting each day with "Pudsey Yoga" and it would be fantastic to see parents joining in too.



Children are welcome to wear something spotty during any session next week (it would be fantastic to see all our spotty Wise Owls on Wednesday) in return for a small donation to children in need. There will also be a cake sale each day at the end of the sessions.

## Long Bucky Infant School Open Day

For our Wise Owl parents you need to be thinking about which school you would like your child to attend in September. This will come round faster than you would think!

The deadline to complete the online application is Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020. Long Bucky Infant School are holding two sessions for new parents to look around. These are:

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm and Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.30am

We have strong links with the village schools and the Wise Owl children will have an opportunity to attend a number of settling in sessions at the school during the Summer term.

## Happy Birthday to Linda



Linda has a special Birthday on Saturday. The children today helped us to celebrate this. They didn't believe Mary when she said Linda was 4 and to give her 4 claps, but 40 might have taken too long!

## Co-Op Funding & Garden Opening



The Co-Op funding period has now closed. The final figure for the year is a fantastic £4414.45. This is an amazing amount and we would like to thank everyone who has supported us.

The good news continues as we have been chosen again to receive this community funding for another year. Please go online to reselect us for your Co-Op rewards.

## Co-Op Garden Opening

Have you seen the new community garden at the side co-op car park? The Co-Op are having a formal opening at 10am this Friday (8<sup>th</sup> Nov). The Preschool children have decorated pebbles provided by the Co-Op and will be taking them on Friday to place in the garden.

## Snack & PE Invoices

Thank you to the families who have now made contributions towards the snack and PE invoices. We have received money from a third of the families who were sent invoices for last term. These invoices are now being sent per half term and the new ones for the period Nov to Dec will be sent out shortly.

We have a new menu in place for the next few weeks, this is always displayed on the notice board by the kitchen.

	Week 1 – 04/11/19	Week 2 – 11/11/19	Week 3 – 18/11/19
Monday	Porridge	Fruit toast	Yogurt
Tuesday	Edible sparklers	Cereal	Fruit Bowl
Wednesday	Sandwiches	Crumpets	Cheese on toast
Thursday	Yogurt	Scrambled eggs on toast	Cereal
Friday	Veg sticks & dip	Homemade Pancakes & Lemon	Crackers, Cheddar Cheese & Pickle

## Suggestion Box

We will placing a suggestion box for parents on the notice board from next week. If you would like to give your feedback and make suggestions please feel free to use this.

## Christmas at Preschool



It's only 47 days until Christmas! We have a number of events planned at Preschool so please add them to your calendars.

Please return the reply slip on the next page so we can make arrangements for these events, or e-mail us with this information. Thank you to those who have done so already and made contributions towards the party food costs.

### Christmas Decoration Day – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1-3pm

We will be making the Christmas decorations for the Preschool on this afternoon. We would like to welcome parents to join us to help the children create the decorations. This is normally a Wise Owl session but we would like to invite all our current and new starters for January to attend as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

### Preschool Christmas Nativity – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2pm

Our nativity will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. All parents and family are welcome to attend, there is no charge for tickets. All the Preschool children who attend will take part in the nativity. There will be refreshments on sale afterwards. For those who would like a memento of the concert or would like ideas for Grandparents Christmas presents we will again be filming the concert. DVD's will be available to pre-book nearer the time. The children will start practising soon and we will let you know more details so you can help them.



### Preschool Christmas Party – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12.15-3pm

Our Christmas party will be on the final day of term Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec from 12.15-3pm. All children are invited and it is not a charged session. If your child does not normally attend this session please let us know if they will be coming by returning the attached slip. Children who are coming just for the party will need to arrive by 12.15pm. Children do not need to bring packed lunch that day as the party food will be provided by Preschool. We will be asking for a small voluntary contribution of £1 to cover the cost. When the children arrive we will start with the party food and then after this they will have a magic show from Mr Bubbles the Magician. Then at approximately 2.30pm we will receive a visit from Father Christmas who will give all children a gift. Parents are invited to join us at 2.20pm so they can see their child receive their gift. This should all be finished by 3pm. Children are welcome to come in party clothes. For those with us for the morning session please place clothes in a named bag to change into.



## Christmas Events At Preschool Reply Slip

Please mark as Appropriate and Return to Preschool

Childs Name

### Decoration Day, Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1-3pm

For children who normally attend Preschool on a Wednesday I can attend as a parent helper from 1-3pm Yes/No

For children who do not normally attend Preschool on a Wednesday My child will/will not attend and I will stay with my child as a parent helper

### Christmas Nativity, Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2pm

My child will/will not attend the concert

### Christmas Party, Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12.15-3pm

For children who normally attend Preschool on a Wednesday I enclose £1 contribution for party food.

For children who do not normally attend Preschool on a Friday My child will/will not attend the party and I enclose £1 contribution for party food.

## Dates for the Diary

### Term 2

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm	Infant School Open Evening
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am	Infant School Open Morning
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1-3pm Decoration Afternoon – All welcome
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tree Festival, St Lawrence Church
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Preschool Christmas Concert
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Preschool Christmas Party
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Preschool Closes

### Term 3

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Preschool Opens
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Final day for school applications
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Preschool Closes

### Term 4

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Preschool Opens
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Preschool Closes

### Term 5

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Preschool Opens
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Preschool Closes

### Term 6

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Preschool Opens
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Preschool Closes