



## Early Years Newsletter: 2

Welcome to our second Early Years Newsletter. Please let us know if there is any additional information that you feel would be useful to include in future newsletters. Teachers are always very happy to have a brief chat after a session, or to make an appointment for a more in-depth discussion. We can also be contacted through e-schools on the school website or via the school office.

### Nursery with Mrs Bendall

Now that the children have been assigned their Key Person, we have started spending a short time together each day in Key Groups, getting to know each-other. If your child would like to share a special photo/item during this time, please give it to their Key Person at the start of the session. We all had a lovely time going on an Autumn Walk, looking at the changes in colour and texture around us and collecting leaves and conkers in our buckets. The highlight, though, was rolling down the grassy bank! Following a suggestion from some of the children, we have opened our own branch of 'Flower Tesco'. There have been many customers and lots of writing of shopping lists, counting of money and role-playing going on. There was excitement at the arrival of the real Tesco van with our Early Years delivery and many volunteers for collecting the shopping in bags and bringing it back to Nursery. There has also been time for mixing paint, baking flapjacks, jumping in puddles and making pea-shooters!

\*Please note that Nursery parents are also invited to attend Parents' Evening on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of October. There will be a booking system that can be accessed via e-schools. Please speak to Mrs Bendall for further details.

### Reception with Miss Smith and Mrs Ash

We have had a very busy time in Reception; the children have all enjoyed reading the story of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. They have all worked very hard to learn all the actions and are about to tell the story to each other. The children have loved playing in the bakery so we decided to make biscuits; we weighed the ingredients and took turns to make one. This week we are decorating biscuits, making fairy cakes, jelly and sandwiches for a party at the end of the week. This week we are concentrating on CVC words in Phonics and learning our sounds. In Maths we will be counting to 10 and beyond and matching numerals to objects.

If the children have done anything at home you would like to celebrate in school with the class please write it down, bring in photos, certificates etc. and we will share them on our bright sparks wall.

Congratulations to Holly in Ash class for achieving Star of the Week.

### Dates for your diary

- *Tuesday 17th October* Flu vaccination (for those who consent) YR-4
- *Tuesday 17th October* Parents' Evening YN-6
- *Thursday 19th October* Parents' Evening YN-6
- *Friday 20th October* Reading Breakfast & Open Morning
- *23rd-27th October* HALF TERM
- *Monday 30th October* Children's individual photos
- *Sunday 5th November* Bonfire Night from 6pm at Overstone
- *Thursday 14th December* Reception Christmas play YR
- *Friday 15th December* Whole School Pantomime at Overstone and Last Day for Nursery children

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team

