



Newsletter – October 2018



Whats has been happening over the last month...



- We have had a fantastic time at our Macmillan Teddy Bears picnic and coffee morning.
- Employee of the month – Well done Chloe for using your initiative and giving all your tasks 100%.

Important notices

- **MacMillan Teddy Bears Picnic and open garden** – We had a great time despite the weather. A BIG thank you to Rob and the Waggon and Horses for providing the yummy pizzas and for all the staff and parents who donated cakes or gave up their time to help us raise £160.52.
- **Themes** – Buttercups and Sunflowers will be engaging in some Transport activities, please feel free to ask a member of staff in your child's unit about what they are doing and what activities you might like to carry on at home.
- **Parents Evenings** – We are holding parents evenings on Monday 8th October and Tuesday 9th October. Unfortunately the staff can only commit to one of the parent evenings, please ask your child's key worker or look at the parent evening time sheets about which day they are holding their parent evening appointments. Due to staffing we will still be asking parents to pick their children up before 6pm. Children are welcome to come to the parent evening appointments; however children will be asked to sit with parents this year there won't be any music time to entertain the children as Mary will be on holiday.
- **Holiday Club** – **We are now taking bookings for the October Half Term holiday club. Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November.** Holiday club planning is on the website <http://scallywags-nursery.com/holiday-club/summer-2018/>. Please book your child's space before the end of term, to do this please email your requested dates or see Vicky or Jade in the office.
- **Going home pockets** – Please can you check your child's going home pocket for pictures and letters that may need to go home.
- **Slippers** – As the weather is starting to become wetter and cooler, please could you help your child remove their wet shoes and place them on the shoe racks (Buttercups) or under your child's peg (Snowdrops and Sunflowers). We advise that you bring in a pair of named slippers to keep your child's feet cosy to wear inside. We recently had a fire drill and noticed a lot of the children were coming out of the building in just socks, slippers would help keep your child's feet dry if we had to evacuate because of the fire alarm.
- **Clothing** – The weather is very unpredictable; please could you make sure that you provide named suitable clothing: hats, wellies, a rain coat, all-in-one rain suit etc... So, we can continue our outdoor provision.
- **Nursery security** - Please help keep our nursery safe. Some parents are trying to be helpful and letting other parents into the nursery building. Please could you let a member of staff know that someone is waiting to be let in.
- **Entering and Exiting our nursery** – now it is getting colder, please could you help keep our nursery warm by keeping the outside doors closed. We have recently replaced a few of the nursery door handles on the entrances of the nursery, please could you make sure that you wait for the beep before pulling/pushing down on the handles. Due to security of the nursery we have electronic doors that need to be released by pressing the green exit buttons and then pulling/pushing the door handles.
- **Extra days** - Please let us know in advance if you require an extra session. We must receive your request at least a week in advance. Our favoured method of application is via email or through our parent portal on the website.
PLEASE be aware that we are nearly at our capacity on most days, so we will accommodate when we can.
Please read our terms and conditions in our fees policy on our website - <http://scallywags-nursery.com/policies-procedures/fees-policy/>
- **Recommend a friend** - Recommend a friend and you will receive a £20 gift card for Mothercare/Early Learning centre when they start. Please make sure that Vicky or Jade knows when you have recommended us to a friend. If you have been recommended by a fellow Scallywags parent, please let Vicky or Jade know and she will present them with a voucher.

Other notices/ room notices



Snowdrops – We have recently changed the themes of our going home bags. Please ask the Snowdrop staff for more details or to borrow a going home bag.



Buttercups – Are asking for Family photos. Please could you bring in or email us a photo of your family for their display.



Sunflowers – Please can you check your child's going home pocket.
Please check the lost property box in the room if you are missing any items.

Dates / Calendar of events

1st/2nd October – **Simchat Torah (Jewish 9th day of Sukkoth)**

8th October – **Canadian Thanks Giving**

8th and 9th October – **Parents Evenings**

9th – 18th October – **Navaratri (Hindu's nine lights festival)**

18th October – **Dasera (Hindu festival of warriors based on the story of Rama's victory over Ravana)**

29th October to 2nd November – **October Half Term Holiday club.**