



NEWSLETTER

We would like to give a nice warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined us over the summer.

Baby Room



Old MacDonald's farm came to the Baby Room a few weeks ago, when the practitioners made a tactile and multi-sensory farm tray for the children to explore. This offered lots of opportunity for labelling animals and practising those lovely animal sounds.



The children have been practising the song of the month which is Five Little Speckled Frogs. The babies have been exploring sounds as they play the musical instruments and the different ways they are able to move to the music.

2's Room



The Two's children frequently ask to use the scissors to develop their fine motor skills. This also enables the practitioners to reinforce those crucial 'scissor safety rules'. Instead of cutting the usual magazines and pieces of paper, the practitioners took it one step further. Encouraging the children to cut the slimey, drippy cornflour as it drizzled from a frame they had made. The children thoroughly enjoyed this new activity and it allowed the children to use new words such as...."long, short, drippy, cold" to describe the cornflour.



Our imagination has been running wild during recent weeks as the children have been doing lots of exploring!

They've been building Jack and his Beanstalk on a small world tray, the roleplay hair dressers and baby roleplay. This has enabled the children to re-enact those everyday experiences, and talk about their home life.



When exploring the Jack and the Beanstalk theme, the children have planted their own beans, joined together in some *Fee Fi Fo Fum* wellington boot printing, used leaves to print their own beanstalks, and role played with the puppets.

This has been a fantastic opportunity for the children to talk about what they were able to see in the story and repeat some of those key and repeated phrases.

During the week, the Two's and Pre-School children enjoyed a story of *Handa's Surprise* together. The children talked about the different animals and the fruits and were able to feel and explore the



Pre-School



The Pre-School children have enjoyed exploring and digging within the outdoor play area

Ten Little Pirates came to Smart Kids Pre-School this week when the children enjoyed listening to the story. This was then incorporated into the continuous provision where the children have been searching for treasure in the sand pit, designing and making their own pirate hats, maps and treasure chests. This has been a lovely opportunity for the children to talk about colours shapes, sorting and size within a play-based scenario.



Harvest

The Pre-School children will be visiting Christ Church to meet the new Vicar, Chris, and find out more about harvest celebrations.

We are asking for small donations of none-perishable food which can be taken along to the Church and will be distributed within the local community by the Salvation Army.

Office and account enquiries

Please can any account or fees enquiries please be addressed to:
Mr Russell Hayes (russell@smartkids.org.uk), or directly to Mrs Hayes.

Policy of the month

[Sick children and medication policy](#)

Sick Children

May we politely remind you that if your child is sick or unwell they must not attend the setting. If your child has the following, we have exclusion periods in place to protect the other children from becoming unwell. These are as follows:

- 24 hours after a high temperature ends
- 48 hours after any sickness or diarrhoea

Any child who has been prescribed antibiotics for any illness must remain absent from nursery for a period of 48 hours to enable the medication to start to take effect, and the child to be well enough to return to nursery.



Nursery Uniform

We would like to apologise to those who have been waiting for nursery uniform.

Please ensure your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name to prevent it from going missing.

Spare clothing

May we please request that each child brings a change of clothes within their nursery bag. This is in the event that they need a change, as unfortunately within the nursery we simply do not have the space or resources to hold clothing suitable for all children.

Door entry

May we please remind parents that on entry in or out of the building, you **MUST NOT** allow anyone else into the nursery by holding the door for them (even if you know them). We request this as the children's safety is of paramount importance and want to reduce the risk of an unauthorised person entering the nursery.

Diary Dates 2018/2019

October

Tuesday 2nd October: 10am Pre-School trip to Christ Church for Harvest

Halloween: Wednesday 31st October (come dressed up!!)

November

Children in Need: Friday 16th November (wear something spotty - £1 donation)

Beep, Beep Day: Wednesday 21st November

December

Parents Evening: Thursday 6th December, 5pm - 8pm

Christmas Party: Thursday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 14th December (wear your favourite Christmas jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children)

March 2019

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March (come dressed up as your favourite character)

Science Week: 18th - 27th March

Red Nose Day: Friday 15th March (wear something red – donate £1 to charity)



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