

Newsletter October 2017



We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parents at the nurseries. We very much hope your children enjoy their time with us and that you feel happy with the care they receive. It is really important to us that we receive your feedback or any suggestions on any aspect of nursery life, as we are always looking to improve the service we provide.

Autumn

The first signs of autumn are now becoming apparent with lots of leaves on the ground. This is a great time to encourage children to explore and learn more about nature and the changes that the autumnal season brings.

Autumn is a great time to go on nature walks with the children to encourage discussion of the season and the collection of nature's treasures including leaves, twigs, conkers, fir cones and any other interesting natural items they may come across. Your collected 'treasures' can then be developed into creative and explorative activities such as a nature or autumn display table, painted leaf prints or a natural collage of whatever the children choose to create. Your nature walk could highlight and engage the children's senses from trampling on and walking through the dry leaves to listening for birds and other wildlife.



New Winter Menu

We have now started serving our winter menu and everyone is enjoying it! There are several new main meals including cheese and onion pie, potato and meat pie, crumble and custard and jacket potatoes with tuna just to name a few. If you would like a copy of the new menu please just ask a member of staff.

Visitors

As you know, we choose not take our children out of nursery for outings. Our priority is always to keep your children safe and in our own nursery environment we are confident about our ability to do so. Trips out to the local swimming pool, museum or even nearby parks have an inevitable element of risk which we are not comfortable with.

Instead we try to ensure that there is a lot of variety to the routine of the nursery week, and we know that our children look forward to something special happening at nursery. We also know it is important that we provide opportunities for our children to learn about the world and community around them whilst they are at nursery.

We therefore try to invite as many special visitors into our nursery as possible. If any of our parents or carers work in a profession which the children would find interesting to hear about (and that is most of them to be honest!), we would be thrilled if you were able to come into the nursery to speak to the children about your work, please have a chat with one of our management team.

Recently we arranged for pets at home to come and visit with a variety of different animals, including a snake, rabbit and snail! They will be coming on the 25th October we have been doing lots of baking sessions and pizza making but we are happy for any other suggestions.

Family books

Many of you will already know about the family books we have in use within the nurseries. These are books which we make for each child using photos provided by you so that they can turn to photos of their family and close friends when at nursery. These books really help a child settle into nursery, or into a new unit but all of the children enjoy looking through them and telling the team all about their family. Please do help us by providing photos for family books when asked to do so by the team. We feel strongly that every child within nursery should have one.

Reminders

- We will be dressing up for Halloween on Tuesday 31st October. If your child does not attend on a Tuesday, please feel free to dress them up on their last day of attendance.
- Please ensure your child's pump bag is stocked up with appropriate clothing, especially as the weather is starting to get a little colder and that they have a coat for outdoor play.
- Please write your child's name their coats and belongings to avoid any confusion, several children have the same or similar coats and shoes
- It would be great if whilst outdoors as a family, if you see any natural objects such as leaves, conkers, pine cones you could collect them to bring into nursery for the children to explore.
- If you can bring in any type of brushes to support our Heuristic play project that would be great

If you have any questions about the above please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the management team.

Many thanks All staff at Parrock House Nursery.

