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OUR NEWSLETTER

"The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn."

MARIA MONTESSORI



The weather has definitely taken a turn! Lovely to see all the children coming in layered up and cosy. There has been lots of chat around 'Christmas' and 'Christmas Trees' which is certainly earlier than most years-but lovely to have something positive to focus on and bring a little bit of cheer and normality at the end of a peculiar year.

The Gate:

A polite notice to all parents: please can we make sure the gate in the garden is being closed at either pick up or drop off. On occasion it has not been closed fully, which can be a worry with the darker evenings. Our electrician has been in to plan the installation of a light near the gate to improve visibility. Thank you.

Reverse Advent Calendar:

The idea of a reverse advent calendar is to place one essential food or hygiene item into a box every day between the start of December and Christmas Eve. There will be a box outside at drop off for items to be placed starting in it from 1st December. We will donate the boxes to the local food bank. We would really appreciate your help with this and any donations would be wonderful.

Babies

November has been a noisy one for babies-they have enjoyed a variety of different nursery rhymes: the words and the actions too. You might have heard some at home! A particular favourite has been 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'. This month, the babies have shown lots of interest in the moon and stars. This has extended to some new language for them and helped the babies develop a sense of their wider world. They have had great fun using the torches outside when it started to get a little bit darker!! A real challenge this month is that the babies are demonstrating a great deal of determination getting themselves dressed. They are showing great perseverance when putting on their shoes and hats. At home, please let your little one show you their new skill! The challenge as a parent will be for you to sit on your hands and give them a bit of extra time!! Use Tapestry to post some of their attempts-we are looking forward to seeing them.



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Toddlers

The toddlers have loved celebrating the different events throughout November. This has sparked lots of talk around colour!! We started the month preparing for Remembrance Day, where the children used different textured materials to make their own poppies for display in the window.

As Children in Need approached, the children looked at books about families around the world and looked at how special our families are to us. This has helped us have conversations about being kind to one another and develop an understanding of others.

Toddlers have also enjoyed 'nursery rhyme week', with some excellent singing every circle time, like a party! There has been a real interest in practicing our scissors skills which has led to lots of random requests in the office and many, many little helpers as we wait patiently for the printer!

Toddlers have really enjoyed being both indoors and outdoors this month-with a noticeable change in temperature we are offering lots of encouragement to help the children put on their own coats. Below is a link to watch a fun way your child can put their coat on independently. It would be great if this could be continued at home and please post your child's efforts on Tapestry for the staff to see!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FaxBoCvNqM>



Pre-school

We would like to say how proud we are of all the children and how well they have adapted to the 'bubbles' and the changes.

We have been busy in preschool enjoying Bonfire Night and lots of crafty firework activities. We have done some excellent listening of all fireworks and using a variety of words to describe what they could hear: 'whoosh, crack, bang, pop'.

The children used problem-solving and mathematical concepts when making their own Diya lamps to celebrate Diwali. But the topics have moved quickly, and we are now looking at Winter! The frosty mornings have helped with this spark.

Something to think about at home is discussing the changes in weather. It seems to vary so much from the morning until the evening. Remember that getting out for a walk can help so much with mental health for both children and adults. Have you been anywhere new that became an adventure, or a walk more locally that your child particularly enjoyed? We would like you to share your outdoor adventures with us on Tapestry. It's great to add to the 'sparks'!



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Reminders:

As we are trying to ensure the children have as much fresh air and outdoor play as possible please can you pack the following in their bags:

1. Warm hat
2. Change of clothes x2
3. Waterproofs
4. Wellies

We want to minimise any cross-over between children, so would prefer each child to have their own items wherever possible. It will therefore minimise the risk of any sharing of clothing etc. Thank you.

Invoices and payments

Could you please ensure that all new Government Tax Free Childcare, Tax Free Childcare Payments, Vouchers and Bank Payments are made by the 1st of the month, in line with our terms and conditions. Thank you.

If you are changing the way you pay, e.g with the Tax-Free Childcare payments, please let our accounts team know as soon as possible, or by 15th of the month on headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help.

Notice re payments after the 1st:

Some payments have been increasingly irregular, such as Tax-Free Childcare, bank payments and voucher payments. Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the 1st of a month. A 'late payment charge' of £75.00 will be made where fees continue to be late.

Our thanks again for your help.

Nursery Holidays for 2020

Christmas Eve 8-1pm

Christmas Day, Friday 25th December

Boxing Day Bank Holiday: Monday 28th December.

We re-open on Monday 4th January 2021.

Reception 2021

Please note that parents/carers will need to have applied by January 2021, for all children who are due to start school next September.

I hope you are all keeping safe and well during these peculiar times. If you need anything at all do not hesitate to contact nursery.

**Best Wishes,
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