



consider as a family; and what we will do here at nursery. It's based on the government guidelines for this sector and reflects the staff and families we care for here. Thank you

Dear parents and carers,

We have really enjoyed the celebrations for Diwali and Bonfire Night.

The children have given us so many sparks from all of this, using songs, colours, new words and lots of smiles! We all love the season of Autumn with its crisp mornings, woolly jumpers, wellies and Autumn leaves and fruits. So that the children are able to appreciate nature in all its glory and learn about the changes in the seasons, we take them out in all weathers. The exceptions are storm conditions, flooding, or high winds, as our priority is always the health and safety of the children. We would like to ask for your help in ensuring the children have the appropriate clothing for the weather to enable them to enjoy and make the most of their time outdoors. A warm waterproof coat/snowsuit and wellies are very much recommended!! Layers of clothes mean the children can remove/add layers throughout the day. Thank you.

COVID 19

Our Autumn policy is attached to this email. It covers any help you may need about what we're looking for in illnesses; what you need to

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Events to come:

**15th-19th November - World
Nursery Rhyme Week**

19th November - Children in Need

**28th November-6th December -
Hanukkah**

**9th & 10th December - Christmas
Jumper Day**

**15th December - Christmas Lunch
Day**

**16th December - Christmas Party
Day**

**We also look forward to welcoming
you all to nursery for our stay and
plays on the following dates:**

Babies - 14th December

Toddlers - 9th December

Preschool - 14th December

Baby room

This month we have been exploring **Black History Month** and, in turn, celebrating people of all diversities.

We also enjoyed celebrating

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Halloween together as a room and doing activities together surrounding this topic. We loved seeing all the children in their fantastic costumes! The babies have also been spending time looking at our 'Autumn' theme and they have really engaged well with this recently.



Over the next few weeks we will be doing lots of Autumn based work and encouraging the children to experience this season first-hand on various different trips out.

Our suggestions for learning at home also share the theme of 'Autumn'. We would like the babies and their families to try and do some leaf collecting at home and try your hand at some artwork using these Autumnal materials to help create them.

Toddler room

The Toddlers have been very busy this month looking at Autumn with a focus on colours.

We have been loving some special books this month including 'Mixed' by Arree Chung and we used this to explore colours and a wellbeing topic of kindness and empathy. We also looked at the Harvest Festival and Black History Month where we created a collective art piece as a group as part of this.



Over the next coming weeks, we are having a main topic focus of the Montessori ethos 'Grace & Courtesy' skills, where we are encouraging the children to be more mindful of their manners and the type of behaviours they display to others. We have a series of books based around

different types of manners and emotions that we will be reading to the children to help develop their knowledge of this. We will also be focusing on a number of different special events throughout November including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Children in Need, Thanksgiving and Hanukkah.

And at home, we are encouraging parents to continue to use manners all the time. This will help develop the children's understanding and will push them to use their manners more regularly both here and at home, setting them up for their future endeavours. The children have really enjoyed making their own firework pictures which have been very colourful and if you would like to do these at home too. We'd love to see them. Post their results up on Tapestry please!

Preschool

This month in Preschool, we enjoyed making spooky crafts, mixing witch's soup and making pumpkin soup. The children were excited to be going on a sweet hunt in forest school and getting all dressed up for Halloween. They have also been making various Autumn crafts, printing leaves, reading Autumn books and going for walks. They have been introduced to some Montessori sensorial materials and literacy materials, all part of their Montessori learning and development.



We will be focusing mainly on the upcoming special events as part of our classroom learning in Preschool. Events such as Diwali, Remembrance Day, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving & Bonfire Night will all be explored throughout November, and we hope to create some creative pieces of art based around each of these events.

At home, it would be highly appreciated for parents to bring or send some family pictures for our family board as we are missing some of our children and their families there and we would love to fill it up completely.

Illness

We ask that you please respect our policy to reduce illness spreading and keep children out of nursery for 48 hrs after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to help prevent everyone else catching it, including staff who offer the continual care valued by your child. If antibiotics are being used, we kindly ask that you keep your child away from nursery for the first 48 hrs following initial medication.

Facebook

If you'd like to follow us on Facebook, we'll keep you up to date with lots of activities here and other related interests too. Search for Yorkshire Montessori Nursery. Photos follow our strict guidelines and we never identify a child by name or photo.

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.

Extra Sessions

Please can we ask that if you require any extra sessions for your child or need to make a change to your permanent sessions, you must have these confirmed by someone in the office. We ask for 1 months' notice to any change in permanent sessions to allow for payments to be amended. Thank you.

Nursery Holidays for 2021

23.12.21 – Close for Christmas at 6pm
Re-open 4 January 2022

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**Thank you
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