



NEWSLETTER - November 2019

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Welcome back!

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. The children have been very excited coming back into preschool/nursery this morning and have settled straight back into our daily routine.

Learning and development

This term, the children will be participating in activities relating to modern stories and tales. This week, we will be focusing on Room on the Broom, and then moving on to Zog, Whatever next, The Gruffalo, and Stickman in the proceeding weeks. Weekly/Fortnightly learning and development plans are attached to the parent information board for your perusal.

Health and safety

We would kindly like to ask parents to be vigilant when leaving preschool/nursery; I have recently been informed that a child ran down the school path after leaving our premises and headed straight towards the road. For your child's safety, please ensure your children are supervised at all times. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Physical activity

The children are continuing to enjoy the opportunity to take part in **the daily mile**; walking, jogging or running in or around the school playground on a daily basis.

Diddikicks/Dreams Captured sessions, led by Coach Callum, continue to take place on Friday mornings. The children love taking part in these sessions. If you would like to enrol your child in these sessions, there are places still available; please contact the office staff (email addresses in the header). Diddikicks is currently in the process of being re-branded as 'Dreams Captured.'

Session requests for 2020

I would be grateful if those who have not already informed me of their session requests for children looking to extend their hours in January /September 2020, email me at their earliest convenience to avoid any disappointment. Thank you.

Christmas Raffle Donations

We would be grateful if you could donate any raffle prizes towards our Christmas raffle please. Thank you.

Upcoming events (please refer to 'Dates for your Diary')

For **Children in Need**, we would love it if your children could come in dressed in pyjamas (with a suggested donation of £1 per child).

For **Save the Children**, we would love it if your children could come in dressed in a Christmas jumper (with a suggested donation of £1 per child).

Please inform the office if you would like to attend the **Preschool/Nursery Christmas Carol Service** so that we can ensure there is enough seating on the day, and for health and safety reasons. We will not be issuing tickets this year but would be grateful if you could purchase Christmas raffle tickets instead.

Please contact Bev should you wish to purchase **Christmas raffle tickets**. Thank you.



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Other Donations

Outdoor provision We are keen to further improve our outdoor facilities, so, if the company you work for (or own) are able to help, or if you know of anyone who could help, we would be grateful of anything that would help improve our outdoor provision. E.g. we are looking to have an over-door shelter built, some paving slabs fitted and looking for donations of gravel/pebbles to surround our building with. Any wooden outdoor play provision would be gratefully received.

Snacks Thank you for all the donations of fresh fruit, especially those who have offered to bring them in on a regular basis. We will keep you informed if we build-up a surplus.

Easyfundraising Croft Early Years is a not-for-profit pre-school and a registered charity. All extra funds we can raise go towards providing a better learning experience for the children. You can help our fund-raising just by doing your online shopping! We have joined easyfundraising.org.uk to help you to help us raise funds every time you buy almost anything online. You don't pay anything extra - the donation comes from the retailer - most of the major shops are there to choose from. Please [sign up today](#) and bookmark the page, so that you always start your shop at easyfundraising.org.uk. Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary

November

5/11/19 Bonfire Night

10/11/19 World Science Day

11/11/19 Armistice Day

12/11/19 St. Lewis' Primary School Open Evening 3.30-5pm

15/11/18 **Children in Need** (children to come in dressed in pyjamas; suggested donation of £1 per child)

18/11/19 Road Safety Week; World Nursery Rhyme Week

28/11/19 Thanksgiving Day

30/11/19 St. Andrew's Day

December

1/12/19 Start of Advent

13/12/19 **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day** (suggested donation of £1 per child)

19/12/19 **10.30-11am Preschool Christmas Carol Service** (details to follow)

20/12/19 Christmas lunch & Party

2.00-2.30pm Visit from Father Christmas; End of term

22/12/19 Start of Hannukah*

25/12/19 Christmas Day - Christian*

7/1/20 Preschool re-opens

*Cultural/Religious events

(Notable dates/events in blue)

(Parents invited to events in red)

Our updated calendars for 2019/20 and 2020/21 holiday dates will be added this week.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation, Penny