



Autumn Newsletter 2019 – Term 2

Children In Need 11th – 15th November

Every year we try to support this very worthy cause so this year we would like to invite you to save all your pound coins to help us make a giant-sized Pudsey bear outline. Please bring as little or as many pound coins as you like during this week to help us. Also, on Friday 15th November the staff will be in fancy dress for the day and we would like to invite your child to come to nursery in dressing up clothes too for £1. Another suggestion is, how about doing a cake baking session at home and selling them to friends and family? All contributions gratefully received. Thank you.

During this week too, we would like to invite you to help name our new nursery goldfish. To enter this competition for 20p a go, please ask a member of staff for a 'fish naming slip'. These will be collated by the staff and pulled from a hat at the end of the week. All money raised will go to Children In Need.

Tapestry

We hope you are enjoying using your online learning journal for your child and that you are finding the observations useful and interesting. We have been using a new way of observing children called "In The Moment", carrying out next steps and teaching opportunities there and then as it all happens. You may notice that the observations you get on your child are plentiful at certain times and not so much at other times, this is due to the children being put into focus groups. When your child is part of a focus group, different members of staff will observe and record your child throughout the week. This is not to say that at other times your child will not be observed, it just means that observations may be more frequent during your child's focus group week. At others times a simple photograph may be uploaded to Tapestry.

We would also like to encourage you to complete your "All about me" section on Tapestry. This gives us a rounded picture of your child's life outside of nursery.

The Charlie Stevens Kindness and Caring Cup

This special award is given to children who have shown exceptional kindness and caring towards others. Not just as a one off but consistently. We award this a couple of times a term and so far this year the award has gone to Erin and George so well done to you!

Christmas party

We will be having a Christmas party with entertainment for all the family on Saturday 7th December 2019 at Shireway Community Centre, Yate, BS37 8YS from 12:30pm to 2pm. Tickets are **£1 per person attending** (under 1's free) and all the family are welcome. There will be a special visit from Santa too so put on your best Christmas outfit and join us for a festive drink. If you would like to attend please pay a member of staff as soon as possible and we can add you to the list for fire regulations. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper week

For a small donation, we would like to invite your child to wear a Christmas jumper for the week commencing 16th December in aid of Save The Children.

Top tip of the term

When issuing consequences to your child, make sure they are realistic. Saying "...otherwise you won't be able to watch any television tonight" or "... otherwise you can't have any treats", is no good unless you really mean it! Choose your consequences wisely!

Christmas crafts

In the run up to Christmas, we will be offering the children the chance to take part in some Christmas craft activities, so please don't be disappointed if they don't come home with very much during December.... All will be revealed in good time!

Christmas sing song week


During the last week of term, we would like to invite you to watch the children singing their Christmas songs in the garden. This will take place at the end of the morning session at 11:45am for 10 minutes on Monday 16th, Wednesday 18th and Friday 20th. If your child doesn't attend at these times, we would love to invite them back to join in with the singing.

Concept

Please return all Concept photography orders and any unwanted proofs by Friday 8th November so that we get orders back in time for Christmas.

Lunch boxes

Please remember to supply a healthy well-balanced lunch box if your child is staying all day. There are lots of suggestions and information on our website and we would like to remind you that grapes and small tomatoes should be cut in half length ways and that we cannot reheat any food.

 Lots of information is often posted on our closed Facebook page, so keep up to date with recent news and events by requesting to join the group and by checking the website at <http://sodburyvalenursery.co.uk>

Finally.... With Christmas just around the corner, the Sodbury Vale team would like to thank you for your continuing support and wish you a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Dates for your diary:-

End of term 2 - Friday 20th December 2019

Children In Need week – 11th – 15th November

Christmas party – Saturday 7th December 12:30 – 2pm

Christmas Jumper week – Monday 16th - Friday 20th December

Christmas sing song – Monday, Wednesday & Friday lunch times of the last week of term

Term 3: Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

Term 4: Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April

Term 5: Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

(Bank holiday Friday 8th May)

Term 6: Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2020

The Sodbury Vale Team