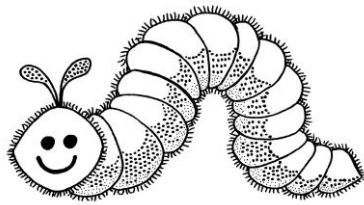




You should all now be activated on your child's Tapestry account. If you are not, then please check your emails or speak to Gerogia who can set you up with a password if that is easier for you.

- ❖ It is essential that you are accessing your child's online account so that you are keeping up to date with their progress and development.
- ❖ Many parents have been very enthusiastic about using it, and are even uploading their own observations from home! This is exactly what we are looking for to ensure that we know your child as best as we can!
- ❖ Please like and comment on your children's observations, and let us know what you think - it is so important that we know whether or not you have read the observations.
- ❖ All key-people (Jo, Ann and Emily) have office time once per week. So check regularly for updates! Every observation is assessed before it is sent to you. Please pay close attention to the areas and stages of development. This is how you will know whether or not your child is meeting the expected norm.
- ❖ Your child's development will be discussed with you during termly 'parents evenings'. But please remember that our door is always open, and you can arrange an appointment with your child's key-person at any time you wish! Your child's key person will do the same if they feel there is something they wish to discuss.
- ❖ Parents, grandparents and other close relatives are welcome to access each child's account, and can contribute to their development records once parental permission is given.





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## Newsletter: September 2018

### What's Happening This Term...

Welcome back to our existing children and families, and a warm welcome to our new children and families! We have had a great start to the new term with a revamped outside area, and much tidier and cleaner classroom! We have lots of exciting things coming up this term, including Welly Walks and Stay & Play sessions. Parents and carers are always welcome to accompany us during our Welly Walks, and we often cannot go without some parent helpers, so please do look out for our sign up sheets on the white board. Stay & Play sessions are open to ALL children and parents, even if your child does not usually attend pre-school that day - so please do come along if you can!

### Dates for Your Diary:

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Welly Walk (9:30am-11am)  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Stay & Play Session 9am-10:30am  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October - End of Term 1  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Term 2 Begins  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Pre-School Christmas Photos



The children will have individual photos taken by a photographer from Tempest Photography. If your child is not in on a Wednesday morning, then you can bring them in between 9:30am and 10:30am if you wish.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening (5:30pm-7:00pm)

A booking form will be displayed after the half term so that you can book a time slot.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Welly Walk/Christmas Tree Festival Set-Up

We will be walking to St Mary's Church to decorate our tree for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Further information regarding Christmas activities will follow nearer to the time...

### Recent & Upcoming

#### Birthdays...

Isla                      Buster  
Jessica                Maya  
Jack  
Oscar  
Caelan



### Mrs Brownie

Please help us look after our hamster, Mrs Brownie. He (yes, he) loves to visit different children over the school holidays and weekends. Please write your name on the sign up sheet if your child would like to take him home!

### Parents Voice Sheets

As you know, we regularly observe your children at pre-school to inform us of where they are in their level of development. It's really important that you share with us the things they do at home too, so that we can accurately support your child. 'Parents Voice' sheets will be sent home the week before your child's focus week, so that you can contribute to their assessment. Please ensure you return it with your comments.

### Home Learning Sheets

At the end of each half term (i.e. six times per year) you will receive a copy of your child's Summative Assessment. This will give you a summary of the level of learning and development we believe your child is at. Alongside this, you will also receive a 'Home Learning Sheet'. This will have suggestions for activities you can do at home to support your child's learning. Please ensure you return it with your comments.

### Reminders

- Please bring **one piece of fruit** for the fruit bowl each week for your child to share at snack time.
- Please bring your child a bag with **spare clothes** in it, as we are running low on supplies. If you have any of our clothes at home, please can you return them to us ASAP.
- Please **label** all your child's possessions, including coats, hats and gloves as the cold weather draws in.
  - Please ensure you are supplying **nappies and wipes** for your child if needed.
  - Don't forget about your child's **TAPESTRY** account, (pto for more information!)

Finally, our door is always open for you if there is anything you wish to discuss with regards to your child's learning, development and wellbeing.

**Let your child's key person know if you wish to talk at any time.**

We are here to make your child's time at pre-school as enjoyable as possible.

