

# DAISY CHAIN DAY NURSERY

## November 2023 Newsletter

### What have we been up to?

In October we focussed on lots of activities related to Autumn. We used pumpkins for lots of messy play and a science experiment, we used conkers for painting and rolling down tubes, we painted with leaves and made Halloween crafts. The children played with autumn style tuff trays and Autumn spice scented playdough.

We also read lots of stories related to Autumn, Harvest Festival, and Halloween.



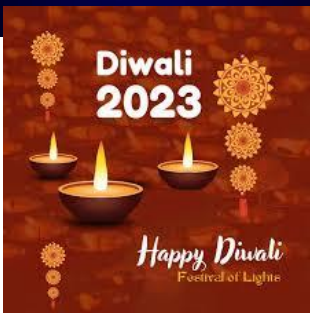
### What's Next?

In November (and December) the children will be participating in the Interest of the Term; Winter Wonderland. They will be involved in activities such as ice play, fake snow play, making snowflakes and crafting snowmen.

The children will be discussing Guy Fawkes and Fireworks night and will be doing lots of activities related to this such as firework chalk painting, fork firework painting and making bonfire style collages.

We will be discussing Remembrance Day and making our own poppies and then closer to December we will start doing lots of Christmas and Winter related activities.

The week of the 6<sup>th</sup> November we will also be celebrating Diwali, with lots of activities related to the festival.



### Children in Need

We will be raising money for Children in Need on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We would like to invite all children and staff to donate £2 to wear Pudsey style clothing (e.g. spotty or yellow!). The children will also be providing a bake sale to raise money for the charity.

## Happy Birthday!

This month we say Happy Birthday to:

Oakley (1), Bruno (2), Miles (3), Tanya, Chloe.C, Amy and Chloe.W



## Smile Programme



Statistics show that a quarter of 4–5-year-olds have decayed teeth affecting at least 3 teeth. Therefore, it is so important as an early years setting that we try and help our families and children in ensuring our children in the nursery understand the importance of looking after our teeth and how to do it. NHS supervised toothbrushing programmes are being commissioned across the U.K to help reduce the health inequality gap. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that we have been asked to take part in the NHS 'My Smile' programme. My Smile is a quality mark awarded to early years settings that successfully implement the four steps of the programme. These create a tooth friendly environment for young children, helping to protect their oral health.

As part of the programme, we are offering all children aged 3 and above the opportunity to join in on daily toothbrushing sessions. We will be shortly sending out permission forms for all of our children aged 3 and above, asking parents' permission for their child to take part in these sessions. The programme provides the toothbrush, toothpaste and racks for us, and all pre-school staff and the management team have been trained on how to implement the toothbrushing sessions to our children. Please note that this isn't to replace the morning and evening toothbrushing your child does at home, this is just extra for them.

Also, part of the programme is to ensure that we are a 'tooth friendly' setting. To ensure this we will be revisiting our food policy with regards to lunch boxes and squash within the nursery. We will also be introducing a 'Celebration policy' with regards to foods used for celebration times, e.g. Birthdays and Christmas. All information regarding these changes will be sent out in the upcoming months.

If you have any questions regarding this please don't hesitate to speak to Sam or Tanya.

## Pre-school Room Breakfast & Singing Morning

As mentioned in previous newsletters we are taking part in a programme called 'Sing and Learn'. Becky and Chloe.W have attended 2 afternoon training sessions, and they have been delivering songs to the Pre-school children using the 'Sing Songo' App. The pre-school children are really enjoying taking part in these new songs and we would love to show our parents the songs, and give you information on how to download the App. Therefore, on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** we would like to invite all pre-school parents (and children who aren't usually in nursery on Tuesday morning) to join us at the nursery for a breakfast and singing session. The nursery will provide croissants, fruit and yoghurt, toast and tea and coffee (for the parents 😊). The session will be 8.30am-9.30am, breakfast will be 8.30am-9am and we will then get together at 9am to do our singing session. If you can make the session, please let a member of staff know so we know how many parents and children to expect, thank you.



## **Dates for Christmas Events!**

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Pre-School Christmas Play Rehearsals**

On the above dates, we are asking parents to bring their children in from 3pm-4pm. This is so we can have some rehearsals for the Christmas play in our costumes. (date depends on which day your child is in the Christmas play)

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Pre-School Christmas Play (3.30pm) (Date depending on which day your child is in the Christmas play)**

This year there will be no charge for parents coming to watch the play, however, can we please ask that you let a member of staff know which day(s) you will be attending so we know how many parents to expect for each performance. Due to capacity, spaces are strictly limited to two per child per day.

We are also asking that costumes can be brought in no later than Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. If your child isn't in nursery on the afternoon of their play, can you please bring them in for 3pm so we have time to get them in their costumes before the play starts, thank you.

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Post Box**

The nursery Christmas card post box will be available from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The children will take turns to be the postman, emptying the post box and delivering cards to their friends.

### **W/C 4th December - Christmas Jumper Week**

We are inviting the children to come in for the whole week dressed in Christmas clothing. Children and staff are invited to wear something 'Christmassy' and donate to Save the Children. The suggested donation is £2.

### **Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Meal**

The nursery Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 13th December. Children and staff will join together to have roast chicken, sausages in bacon, stuffing, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, roasted parsnips and vegetables followed by a Christmas themed pudding. (Vegetarian and dairy free option also available).

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Crafts Afternoon**

We will be holding a Christmas Crafts afternoon on the above date from 3pm until just after tea (around 4:15-4:30). Your child will participate in a variety of different crafts associated with Christmas! We will then all meet together for a visit from Father Christmas where children will be given a gift. This will be followed by a party themed tea. If your child does not normally attend this session you are welcome to join us with your child for the event. We are limited on space so we kindly ask that only nursery children attend the event and unfortunately, we will not have the space for any more children i.e. siblings or other family members. If you are going to be attending, could you please let a member of staff know so we have accurate numbers. If you do have any questions, please see a member of staff. Thank you.

## **Staff News and Training**

Amy attended training on 'My SEND Support plan' and Sam attended training on 'Domestic Abuse'.

Amy, Chloe, Sam and Tanya attending training run by the Oral Health and improvement team with regards to the 'My Smile' programme.

Becky and Chloe.W attended their 2<sup>nd</sup> day of their 'Sing and Learn' course.

## What can you do at home?

Here are a few activities you can try at home which link to the activities/interest of the term we will be doing at nursery this month:

- Visit a local firework display
- Talk at home about the festivals you celebrate as a family.
- Make a firework craft together (see picture)

If you do any of these activities, we would love to see a video/photo uploaded onto your child's Tapestry learning journey 😊



## Lending Library

We just wanted to remind parents that the nursery has a 'Lending Library'. Children can borrow a range of books and story sacks to take home and share with their families at home. We also have books available for children to borrow which includes stories covering certain events or situations in a child's life, such as toilet training, divorce/separating parents, welcoming a new baby in the family, moving home, behavioural issues etc. We also have a range of song bags and activity bags to be borrowed too.



## Useful Information

Nursery Email: [daisynursery@aol.com](mailto:daisynursery@aol.com)

Sam's Email: [samdaisynursery@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:samdaisynursery@hotmail.co.uk)

Facebook Page (Closed Group – Parents only):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/daisychaindaynursery/>

Facebook Page (Open Group): <https://www.facebook.com/daisychaindaynursery12>

Website Page: <http://daisychain-daynursery.co.uk/>

Parents WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/H99HvjJ1Z0k5ZwS3H4dffc>