



October 2018

Newsletter

Parent's Evening

We will be holding our second Parent's Evening of the year on Monday 29th October from 6.30pm-8.00pm. Once again it will be a very informal evening where you will have the opportunity to see some of the activities that are on offer to your child at Nursery and chat with the staff in their rooms about your child's development.

Children In Need

BBC Children in Need is back and this year's theme is 'Hey Duggee'! The event will be held during the week commencing **Monday 12th November**. Fancy dress themes are as followed:

- Monday: Anything yellow or spotty for Pudsey!
 - Tuesday: Pirates and Princess!
 - Wednesday: Dog (Hey Duggee!)
 - Thursday: Free choice fancy dress!
 - Friday: Children in need t-shirts!
- We will be holding a bake sale throughout the week, any donations are gratefully received for this good cause.

School Admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 they are due to start reception class in September 2019. You can now apply for your preferred choice of primary school!

Tapestry

Did you know you can post an observation to Tapestry to share learning from home? If not here is a simple diagram to help you, if you would like any help with this please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Adding an Observation

Click on the + in the header bar to add an observation.

You can start an observation by taking a picture or some video by tapping on the camera icon, or you can select a child or children and then add content.



Adding Child/Children to an Observation

Tap on the person icon in the orange menu bar, then tap on any children you wish to include in the current observation. The total number of selected children will be displayed.

Adding a Title and Content to the Observation

Tap on the pencil icon in the orange menu bar, then tap on the title and observation areas to enter content.



Adding Media to an Observation

Tap on the camera icon in the orange menu bar. You then have the option of taking a picture/video, or selecting some media from your device's gallery. Once you have taken or selected your media, you will be returned to the observation screen.



Note: You will need to create a title and select a child if you are uploading media without any descriptive text.

When you are ready to submit your observation, tap on Save -> Publish, and you will receive a confirmation notification once it has been uploaded to the learning journal.



Photo Day!

Tempest Photography will be joining us on Friday 2nd November. This will be for the whole day and session times available will be displayed on the nursery notice board for all to see. If your child already attends on this day then they will automatically have their photo taken but feel free to bring in a change of clothes for them if you wish to do so. Orders will be returned in good time for Christmas if people want to make purchases for Christmas gifts.

Does your child turn 4 before August 31st 2019?

If so, it's now time to apply for a Reception place. To make your application and find helpful tips and information, visit:

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Or visit a school admissions "Drop In" session at the following venues:

- **Wellingborough Library** - Thursday 4th October 10am - 12pm
- **Corby Library** - Tuesday 9th October 10am - 12pm
- **Weston Favell Library** - Wednesday 10th October 10am till 12.30pm
- **Kettering Library** - Tuesday 16th October 9.30 to 11.30am
- **Northampton Central Library** - Friday 30th November 10.30 to 1pm

"Have your parents applied for your school place yet?"



Closing Date - 5pm 15th January 2019

 Northamptonshire County Council

Christmas Dates For Your Diary

☺ Wednesday 12th December

Buttercups & Snowdrops Christmas Party 2.30-4.00pm

☺ Thursday 13th December

Bluebells Christmas Party 2.00-4.00pm

☺ Friday 14th December

Willows AM+PM Christmas Party 9.30-12.30 (for all Willows children)

Poppies Christmas Party 2.00-4.00pm

☺ Wednesday 19th December

Poppies Pantomime—Cinderella

☺ Friday 21st December

Christmas dinner for children who attend on this day.

☺ Monday 24th December

It is tradition for staff and children to attend nursery on our last day of 2018 in fancy dress. Children who attend on this day will also take part in our Nativity performance at the farm park.

Careful Driving

When driving on the premises of West Lodge can we please remind you to do so with great care. The speed limit is set at 10mph for the safety of the children and adults attending both the Nursery and the Farm Park and also to protect the wildlife that is present on the land. Can I also remind everybody to please park in the allocated nursery pick up and drop off spaces or in the car park. On occasion people are parking in front of the emergency exit which imposes a danger to both the public at the farm park as well as everyone at the nursery.

Cold weather

Just a gentle reminder to parents to ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather and changes of clothing in their bags reflect this too. Ensuring they have plenty of changes of socks is also appreciated.

Allowing and encouraging children to dress themselves not only boosts their self-perception, but also strengthens gross and fine motor control, and even helps with spatial reasoning! If you would like some ideas on how you can help support your child in being more independent in dressing please speak to your child's key worker!

Congratulations to...

..Aimee (Bluebells), Jamie and Finlay on the safe arrival of Evelyn born on 23rd August. Both mummy and baby are doing really well and Finlay is being a fantastic big brother!

..Ben (Office), and family on the safe arrival of Jude born on 13th September. We would like to wish Ben all the best for the future and thank him for his hard work and dedication over the last two years. Ben has made the difficult decision to leave West Lodge to enable him to spend more time at home with his family.

..Keeley (Snowdrops) and Shaun on the safe arrival of Clark born on Friday 5th October. Both mummy and baby are doing well and we look forward to meeting him very soon.

Staffing Update

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the current and updated staffing structure within the nursery.

Nursery Manager- Sharon Block

Deputy Manager- Sharon Sawford

Pre-School Manager- Lucy Green

Buttercups- Jenni Lee, Catherine Bates

Snowdrops- Rebekah Rhodes (Senior), Julie Nicholls, Taylor Page, Lorna Mutebi, Jodie Burrells (apprentice), Jodie Goode.

Bluebells- Heidi Abrams-Male (Senior), Emily Woodbridge, Patricia Savage, Julie Hands, Eva Northcott.

Poppies- Lucy Green (Pre-School Manager), Ben Underwood, Georgia Laing (SENCO), Harriet Toynton.

Willows- Kirsty Lambe (Senior), Emma Leavis, Rebecca Milligan.

Bank staff- Helen Hoyes, Amanda Tibbits, Laura Scriven.
