



September's Newsletter

Tapestry

We are very pleased with all of the positive feedback we received after our last parents evening with regards to our new 'Tapestry Online Portfolio' which is now confidently in place for all children. Tapestry have updated their website link, this is as follows:

<https://tapestryjournal.com>. The reason behind this is due to moving servers which now gives us more space for pictures and videos, less waiting for videos and pdfs to upload and improved security. If you access Tapestry through a mobile app there will be no change in how you access this although you may want to update your app for any new features.

Children In Need

BBC Children in Need is back and this year it's going to be 'SPOTACULAR'!!! This event will be held during the week commencing Monday 14th November. From spotty fancy dress to spotty cakes. Get ready to show your spots and raise as much money as we can. Please keep a look out for posters displaying how we are hoping to raise money for this event around the nursery nearer the time.

Room Changes

We are delighted to share with you the completed renovations to our Bluebells and Willows rooms, we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our staff who have worked so hard over the last few weeks to make the room changes possible and to enable a smooth transition for the children in our Bluebells, Poppies and Willows.



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Parent's Evening

We will be holding our second Parent's Evening of the year on Monday 17th 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. Please can we ask you to complete and return the attached slip to confirm numbers.

A representative from Usborne Books will be displaying books that can be purchased or ordered on the night. This is a great fundraiser for the nursery.

Farm Pass

For those families who receive a farm pass we are in the process of updating to a new card system, therefore a new farm pass will be issued as soon as possible. You will still be able to enter the farm in the mean time by quoting your child's name at the desk.

Roger Hyslop Photography

Roger Hyslop Photography will be joining us on Thursday 3rd 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.



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Christmas Dates For Your Diary

Forgive us for talking about Christmas so early but we have had a few parents enquire about the Christmas activities and period of closure. The dates are as follows:

☺ Tuesday 13th December

Willows PM Christmas Party 1.00-4.00pm

Buttercups & Snowdrops Christmas Party 2.30-4.00pm



☺ Wednesday 14th December

Willows AM Christmas Party 9.30-12.30am

Poppies Christmas Party 2.00-4.00pm



☺ Thursday 15th December

Bluebells Christmas Party 2.00-4.00pm

☺ Thursday 22nd December

Christmas dinner for children who attend on this day.

☺ Friday 23rd December

It is tradition for staff and children to attend nursery on our last day of 2016 in fancy dress. Children who attend on this day will also take part in our Nativity performance at the farm park.

Gate Code

As we have had lots of children leave us to attend big school, it is time to change the code for the main gate into Nursery. If you have not received the new code please speak to a member of staff who will provide you with a slip informing you of the code.

Staffing Update

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

- **Management:** Sharon Block and Lucy G.
- **Buttercups:** Rebecca and Lucy B.
- **Snowdrops:** Emma, Lorna, Lois, Hannah, Jasmine and Catherine .
- **Bluebells:** Tara, Aimee, Emily, Morgan and Patricia.
- **Poppies:** Heidi, Hayley Ben, and Emma.
- **Willows:** Helen, Leisa and Jemma.

We would like to welcome Jasmine and Catherine to West Lodge Day Nursery. Both members of staff joined us in June 2016 in our Snowdrops room. Jasmine is currently in the process of completing her Level 3 Diploma in Early Years and has experience of working in a nursery setting previously and has settled well as part of our team. We are delighted to offer Catherine an apprenticeship role with us at West Lodge and look forward to bringing you updates as she progresses through her qualification.

Congratulations to Morgan on completing her Level 3 Diploma in Early Years and to Lucy (Buttercups) on graduating from University gaining her Level 6 BA Honours in Early Childhood Studies qualification.

Hayley has now completed her Level 5 Degree and we continue to support her in completing her BA Honours in Early Childhood Studies at University of Northampton which she will be attending every Thursday for the next academic year.

Ben is also working towards his Level 3 Certificate in Forest School Programme Leadership qualification which we are hoping will be completed by the end of this year.

We have now appointed two new room seniors to support staff and the efficient running of the rooms, we would like to congratulate Emma who will be overseeing our Buttercups and Snowdrops rooms, and Tara who will be overseeing the Bluebells room. Welcome to the management team.

We have also appointed a lunchtime supervisor, Emma to help support the Poppies staff over their lunchtime period.

Careful Driving

When driving on the premises of West Lodge can we please remind you to do so with great care. This has been brought to our attention from numerous parents who are expressing concerns of the safety of the children. 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.

Drive Way

As from w/c 19th September repair work is planned to take place on the access drive to the nursery/farm park. This will involve widening the entrance to have access to a passing place on entry and an additional passing place at the bottom of the track, before the left hand corner turn. Additional to this, tarmac of all pot holes will also be completed. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and we ask you to take extra care when driving during this time.