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# September's Newsletter

## September 2016

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### Race For Life

On the 28th June children of West Lodge Day Nursery along with their families and friends took part in a "Race for Life" fundraiser. We raised an overwhelming amount of money (£4381) and thought it would be nice for more local charities to benefit from our fundraising especially those close to our hearts. We donated £1200 to Cransley Hospice and £1200 to the Breast Cancer unit at Kettering General Hospital, with the remaining £1981 from the "Just Giving" page going to Cancer Research UK. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who made this possible and to "Fotograf Dorte Kjaerulff" for capturing the day so perfectly.



### Off to big school..

It has been an emotional few months as we have waved goodbye to all of our school leavers in the Willows and Poppies rooms. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them Good Luck as they embark on the next chapter of their learning journey to "Big School". Thank you to all parents/carers for allowing us at West Lodge to be such a big part of your children's early years.

### Children In Need

BBC Children in Need is back and this year the event will be held during the week commencing Monday 13th November. Please keep a look out for posters displaying how we are hoping to raise money for this event around the nursery nearer the time.

### Parent's Evening

We will be holding our second Parent's Evening of the year on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Roger Hyslop Photography

Roger Hyslop Photography will be joining us on Wednesday 8th 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 12th December

Buttercups & Snowdrops Christmas Party  
2.30-4.00pm



### Wednesday 13th December

Willows AM+PM Christmas Party 9.30-12.30am

Poppies Christmas Party 2.00-4.00pm

### Thursday 14th December

Bluebells Christmas Party 2.00-4.00pm



### Friday 15th December

Poppies Pantomime trip

### Thursday 21st December

Christmas dinner for children who attend on this day.

### Friday 22nd December

It is tradition for staff and children to attend nursery on our last day of 2017 in fancy dress. Children who attend on this day will also take part in our Nativity performance at the farm park.

**Nursery will be closed for the Christmas break from Friday 22nd December to Tuesday 2nd January.**

## 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.

## 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. This will come effective from Monday 18th September 2017. If you have not received the new code via email please speak to a member of staff who will provide you with a slip informing you of the code.

## Staffing Updates

We would like to welcome Keeley Gray, Julie Nicholls and Lisa Williams to our West Lodge Day Nursery team. Keeley and Julie both joined us in July and have settled really well into their new role's. Both members of staff hold a level 3 childcare qualification and have had lots of childcare experience within nursery settings. Keeley is based in our Buttercups room and Julie is based in our Snowdrops room. Lastly we welcome our new nursery cook Lisa Williams. Lisa has many years of experience working as a cook. She has been working hard to develop the new menu's which will be in place from Monday 18th September. The staffing structure is now as follows:

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**Nursery Manager-** Sharon Block

**Deputy Manager-** Ben Goodman

**Pre-School Manager-** Lucy Green

**Buttercups-** Mary Boulton, Keeley Gray

**Snowdrops-** Emma Deadman (Senior), Lois Francis, Eva Northcott, Julie Nicholls, Jasmine Reid, Lorna Mutebi, Catherine Bates (apprentice)

**Bluebells-** Heidi Abrams-Male (Senior), Emily Woodbridge, Patricia Savage, Georgia Laing.

**Poppies-** Lucy Green, (Pre-School Manager) Rebekah Rhodes, Ben Underwood, Aimee Raines, Emma Leavis, Harriet Toynton (Apprentice)

**Willows-** Helen Hoyes (senior), Jemma Waller, Rebecca Milligan, Leisa Mackie

**Bank staff-** Amanda Tibbits, Tracey Preece

**Kitchen-** Lisa Williams, Jeanette Evans

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