



NEWSLETTER



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AUTUMN TERM 2 2018

Dear Parents

Christmas is coming following hard on the heels of our lovely Halloween celebrations! Thank you to all of you who came to our Pumpkin Glow – it was lovely to see so many of you there and thank you all for your fantastic creative skills in the Pumpkin carving. If you haven't done so already you can see a snapshot of the evening on our Parents' Facebook page.



I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our PARENTS FORUM Meeting next Monday evening at 7.30pm. We really value the support that our Parents give and having these meetings provides us with feedback and discussion to mark the way forward for Pumpkins. If you are debating whether to come please do! There is no long term commitment and no jobs given out for you to come away with – it is simply a forum for discussion and the opportunity to meet other parents. WE are hoping to get lots of new members so if you are planning on coming please let Brenda know or drop me an email.

The end of this term sees the highlight of our year with the Christmas Nativity Performance – not to be missed! - so watch out for further details later in the term.

Finally this December sees a very exciting event in the Pumpkins Team with Nata marrying her long term partner Nick! We wish the happy couple all the very best for the future and hope their wedding day on December 8th is as magical as the Christmas season in which they have chosen to wed. Lots of love to you both from all at Pumpkins. xxxxxxx



Best Wishes
Amanda Wallis



I would like to welcome the following new member of staff to our team.

Tracey Ersser joins us in the Pre-School Room after many years of working in Retail for Tesco where she held many management roles including HR Manager of the superstore in Yate. With two grown up girls, Tracey has now decided to have a complete career change and follow a course of training to qualify in Early Years which is something that she has wanted to do for a very long time. We are delighted to welcome Tracey to the team and hope that she will find the change everything that she hopes it to be.



Congratulations to

Amelia Barrett on becoming a big sister. Her new baby sister Ruby was born last Friday .Congratulations to Mum Jenna and Dad Josh as well!



CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be supporting the children in Need Fundraiser on **Friday 16 November**

WEAR SOMETHING SPOTTY

The children are being encouraged to wear something spotty to nursery and to donate £1 to the fundraising effort - Thank you



Pumpkins Nativity Play

Wednesday 12th
December 2018
10am

Badminton Hall

Tickets will be on sale w/c 26 Nov



Christmas lunch

Wednesday 5th December



Christmas Party

(with visit from Santa)
Wednesday 19th December
10.30am - 1pm

Open to all 2 year olds and over – if your child does not normally attend on a Wednesday they can still come in for the party. Cost £10 including party lunch



TODDLERS' CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Wednesday 5th December

9.30am - 10am

We hope that parents will stay for a while after drop off and join us in a Sing-a-Long in the Toddler Room. This will be your little one's Christmas performance until they are old enough to join in the Nativity next year.

Please note this is a change of date from that originally advertised in the Calendar of Events

TERMLY OVERVIEW

Pre-School



This term is a real celebration theme, initially with the themes of Bonfire Night and Diwali. The children will be mixing colours, creating models, using instruments to explore sounds and will use numbers in their play. We will then continue our Autumn theme, observing change in the environment, discussing time,



days and nights, dark and misty making links to the seasons. We will be using puppets to act out hibernation and will be making 'Autumn' collections to support our learning. The final part of this term is one of the most exciting for staff and children and will be Christmas. Through this we will be celebrating this Christian festival with songs and stories developing language, creative work developing hand eye coordination, writing letters to Father Christmas encouraging mark making and having lots of fun.

Home links

- Observe fireworks, discuss sounds, colour and safety.
- Make an Autumn collection
- Invite the children to 'write' their names in cards to friends and family.

Brenda & the pre-school team

Toddlers



This term the toddlers will be looking at Autumn and Celebrations. This is a great time of year to explore our environment and the outdoors.

We will be having lots of fun joining in with autumn, fireworks, children in need and Diwali activities, exploring the world

around us.

The children will have the opportunity to create lots of lovely crafts including firework splatter paintings, spice art and spotty pictures as well as lots of sensory exploration investigating different sounds, colours, media and materials.

Towards the end of the term we will be focusing on our most favourite theme of Christmas, creating cards and gifts for our friends and families, exploring different songs and stories, decorating the Christmas tree and getting ready for our Christmas sing along where all our parents/ carers are invited in to join us.



Home Links

- Explore and comment on the different sounds and colours we can hear and see.
- Go on family walks, to explore Autumn and collect different leaves and items and share your collections.
- Practice singing lots of Christmas songs, and invite parents and carers to join us for this fun and festive event.

Laura and the Toddler team



Welcome to the following children who have joined us in the **Toddler Room** new this term and over the Summer. We hope you will be very happy at Pumpkins

Gabriel Vaughan Ezra Hassan



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2 2018

Monday 5 November – Friday 21 December 2018



Christmas Holiday (Term Time Children) Monday 24 December 2018 – Friday 4 January 2019



CHRISTMAS BREAK Nursery CLOSED

Monday 24 December 2018 – Tuesday 1 January 2019

Nursery re-opens after Christmas break on **WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY 2019**



SPRING TERM 3 2019

Monday 7 January – Friday 15 February 2019

HALF TERM : Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February 2019

Term dates and Nursery Closure dates are on our website : <http://www.pumpkinsnursery.co.uk/our-settings/pumpkins-badminton/> Click on Icon at the bottom of the Badminton page