

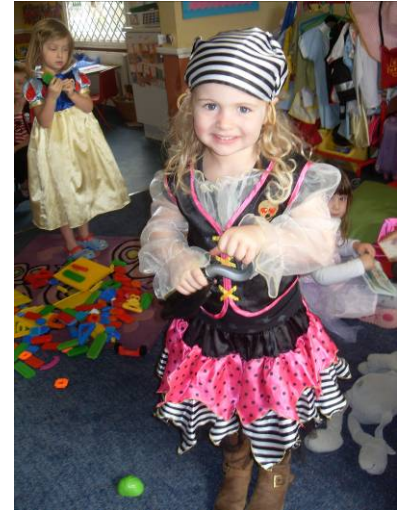
The Alphabet House Day Nursery Autumn Newsletter

A warm welcome to you all



Harvest Festival - we celebrated harvest on 1st October with a visit to St Mary's Church by the pre-schoolers to take harvest gifts that the church then distributes to the elderly and needy in the area. All nursery children also enjoyed harvest activities during October such as making bread, learning harvest songs and understanding the importance of harvest.

We also recently held an action packed **pirate and princess day** to encourage children to learn through role play and introduce them to new words, sounds and characters. The little buccaneers and Cinderella's dressed up in swash-buckling and fairy tale costumes. There was also a treasure hunt in the garden and the toddlers followed a treasure map to find the pirate's booty. The day was organized to raise funds for the Headway and Lindon Lodge at the City Hospital and £90 was raised. On 14th October we celebrated World Food Day - the children sampled all sorts of different foods and fruits from India, China and around the world and enjoyed lots of cooking activities. Photographs are on show in the nursery hallway.



Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child - once again we are asking children to fill a shoebox with Christmas gifts that will then be sent to children in more than 100 countries suffering from natural disaster, war, terrorism, disease, famine and poverty. More details are in the attached leaflet. Can you bring in your filled shoeboxes by 15th November please.

Staff News - we are thrilled to welcome Holly back to us after the safe arrival of baby Jacob. Holly will be working part time. Also, Paula will be beginning a level 4 course in leadership and management shortly. This will mean she will be out of the nursery for a few days but is a great opportunity for her to develop her skills. Whilst she is away the nursery will be in the capable hands of Chloe our deputy.

New menus - delicious new winter menus are now on display on the notice boards around nursery, take a moment to look at them, we have kept the favourite traditional meals and added some new tastes in some exciting wintery meals. Also, don't forget, **free nursery meals** are now available from Notts County Council. This is a new initiative for low income families and if you think you may qualify please talk to Paula.

A reminder for everyone - Now that it seems autumn has well and truly arrived, do remember to provide labelled, hats, coats and waterproofs for your children as we do go outside even if it is raining

Dates for your diary

26th October - Some of the older children will be visiting Gonalston farm shop to collect pumpkins to decorate for Halloween

28th October - theatre trip to see 'Elmer' at the Newark Palace Theatre

29th October - Halloween party - Come to nursery dressed as your favourite ghost, witch or wizard!

5th November - Diwali celebrations - we will be learning about Diwali and making candles, cards and rangoli.

15th November - last date to bring in filled shoeboxes.

17th November - Parents Evening - more details to follow.

19th November - Children in Need Day - We're going all spotty! More details to follow.



Places available - We do hope your children enjoy their time at nursery and if you know of any other babies or children who might like to join us, we do warmly welcome personal visits from parents and are pleased to make appointments for them to visit the nursery. As always we welcome your feedback and our contact details are below.

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