



Little Acorns Nursery

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Your Nursery News

**Autumn term (Sept-Nov 2019) – separate December/Xmas news to be given**

**LONG-TERM PLANNING EVENTS WE ARE  
LEARNING ABOUT THIS TERM:  
Halloween, Diwali, Space week, Bonfire night,  
Remembrance Day**



#### **Forest school**

We are very excited to be starting our forest sessions in September. The children will be selected and have 6 weeks of forest school, one session a week on Cuerden Valley. We will inform you when it's your child's turn to go to the forest and we will be carrying out lots of activities building on exploration, self confidence and self esteem, woodland knowledge and a deeper understanding of nature. As well as visiting a forest setting weekly we will also be adapting our environment in the garden to reflect the forest Ethos with a fire pit, den building and other activities centred around Forest school.

#### **Spanish class- Pre-School**

We have decided to end our weekly dance classes with the Lancashire Dance Academy and instead trial Spanish lessons with the children on a Thursday morning. Throughout September these will be funded by nursery whilst we see how it goes. If we decide to continue these from October, we may ask you to contribute weekly to fund these lessons if you would like your child to participate.

#### **Breakfast**

We have been looking at our current daily routine and have made some changes to enable more focussed adult group times to help children in their areas of development. As a result of this we will be having a cut off for breakfast of 8.30am. Any children arriving after this time we ask if they could have breakfast at home. We want to start group time earlier on in the day and then have an earlier outdoor play time. We have found that when breakfast goes on until 9am it can limit the activities that we can do in the short space of time in the morning session. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

#### **Welcome to Wellcomm**

We have recently purchased a speech and language programme used by Speech and language therapists.

As the current waiting list is 5 months to see a speech and language therapist with the NHS, we thought we could look to be doing more activities with the children who have been identified as needing additional support in this area, until they can be reviewed by a Specialist. We currently use Targeted Learning Plans with children in any areas they are delayed in to help support them to make progress through 1:1 adult activities so this will coincide with these plans.

#### **Sponsored walk**

In October the Little Acorns Team will be doing a sponsored walk from Preston to Chorley Hospital to raise money for a Defibrillator to be kept within nursery. It is becoming increasingly more important to have these within school and nursery settings and it is something we feel passionately about having. We will be asking parents if they would like to sponsor us on this walk and all funds raised will be put towards purchasing a defib. The prices start at £1000 so this is our goal!!

#### **Staff news**

A warm welcome to Donna and Lyndsay who have joined our 2-3s room and Mickey who has joined Pre-school. Sadly we have said goodbye to Harriet who decided to leave Little Acorns to follow a different career path with the NHS, Our Early Years Teacher Becky will be taking over as Room leader in Pre-school. We wish her lots of luck in her new role!

#### **Things to remember**

As we play out in all weathers we ask if you could please bring weather appropriate attire for your child such as gloves, hats, wellies etc. If you would like to leave a pair of wellies at nursery with your their name in, we can store them here ready for outdoor play.

*Thank you for taking the time  
to read our newsletter.  
All the team at Little Acorns*