Autumn Term 1st Half

What a lovely start to the term! Its feels so good to be normal again!

Its been lovely to see all our children return and to welcome all of our new children. Thank you to all parents for being patient and understanding this years transitions, we have decided this format in transitions allows children the time to come to terms with the big change.

Unfortunately Covid has not completely disappeared, however the guidance is slightly more relaxed, if your child does display any symptoms for Covid please take them for a PCR test as soon possible. If children have been identified as a close contact they are advised to have a PCR test. Should you have any concern or need to ask any questions please do so.

Niamh has decided to move onto pastures new! Which is unfortunate for us but a great opportunity for her! Niamh is now working in a school in Bingley, we wish her all the best in the future. We have been successful in recruiting a new key worker, Jessica will join us on the 8th October, Jessica has over 10 years experience in early years, and I am sure will be a great asset to our team!

We also have some very exciting news to inform you of!

Our cowling pre school family is expanding, Sophie is expecting a baby! Sophie is due to give birth in February and we are all so happy for her and her family!

Thank you to all parents who have purchased some of our lovely new uniform, should anyone still want to make a purchase please do so, can we ask all childrens uniform & book bags are labelled. Ideally we would like all children to have a purple book bag by the end of half term, these will be used for library and any paper work that needs to be sent home. Please can we avoid using book bags as a bag to bring clothes pack ups etc. Please always check your book bags at the end of the day.

We will be purchasing some new water bottles for children to have in the room, children can still bring juice to have with their lunch, they will be offered water & milk throughout the day. We will send a parentmail once the bottles are delivered.

We will still be using tapestry, to record chidrens observations and reports, please try to access this as much as possible. Should anyone need any help accessing tapestry please let us know. Please can all Tapestry consent forms and Parental agreemenets be returned as soon as possible. For funded children we do require you to bring in your children’s birth certificate or passport to confirm identication.

This term we have lots of exciting things planned, we will be organising a scarecrow festival around the village, the theme will be childrens story/tv characters. Please let us know if you will be participating.

We will also be preparing lots of activities for Halloween, we are hoping to host a Halloween party! This will hopefully be on the evening of Friday 22nd October.

We are hoping to get on another trip before the end of this half term, destination and date to be confirmed.

Just a reminder and to all new parents we do require a minimum of 2 weeks notice for any holiday leave. Please be aware of this when booking holidays as you will still be charged if the correct notice is not given.

Please can all Tapestry consent forms and Parental agreements be returned as soon as possible. For funded children we do require you to bring in your children’s birth certificate or passport to confirm identication. If you are entitled to the 30 hour funding entitlement can all codes be passed to Vicky or Nicola as soon as possible. To check eligibility please visit the Childcare choices website. If eligible you will need to reconfirm all your details every 3 months, this is your responsibility to apply for and keep up to date with, we do not manage this side of the funding. Funding is applicable for each term so if you miss the deadlines then any hours attended over the 15 hour standard entitlement this will be chargable.

We break up for half term on Friday 22 October 2021 and return on Tuesday 2nd November 2021.