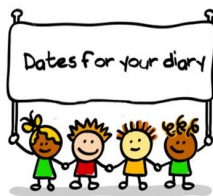




# Newsletter November 2020

It's been a happy and enjoyable start to the Autumn term. Our new starters have settled in quickly to their new surroundings and the older children are enthusiastically taking part in our Thursday "Lions" (Rising Five) session. We are so proud of the resilience that all of the children have shown on coming back to the setting after such a long period of time.



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Children In Need  
(Wear pyjamas or anything Pudsey related)  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nursery Rhyme Week  
(Dress as your favourite character)  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November AGM



We have so much to look forward to over the coming weeks. We will be talking to the children about safety around fireworks and creating our own fireworks through craft and cooking activities. To enhance our physical development we will act out being fireworks by moving in a range of different ways supported with scarves and ribbons.

Following on from this we will be talking to the children in an age appropriate manner about Remembrance Day and sharing some War time medals. We will also attempt a 2 minute silence!! The children will be making poppies to take home to display in the window.

The children will be learning about Diwali and the Festival of Light. We will be making tea light holders for them to take home.

Children in Need is approaching and we have lots of fun activities planned for the children. We will all dress up in our pyjamas or anything Pudsey related on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Nursery Rhyme week is 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November and we will be inviting the children to come into preschool dressed as their favourite story characters. Each day we will cover a different rhyme and will be creating games relating to each theme

Things to remember:

We would like to remind parents that a mask must be worn at all times whilst on the school grounds

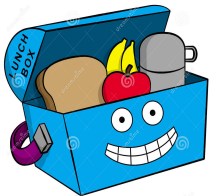
Please also ensure that you maintain social distance rules.

If your child is showing any symptoms such as temperature, upset tummy or generally feeling unwell please do not send them into pre-school

Please don't forget to inform us if anyone else is going to be picking your child up from the group. Where possible it would be ideal if you could bring them in and introduce us beforehand. We will require a password.

**Tapestry** - Tapestry is a wonderful tool which enables us to share information with you and also for you to share with us. Over the first few weeks we have been focusing on getting the children settled back in at Dandelions, Please bear with us, whilst we upload the observations. We love for you to create your own observations of what you and your child enjoys doing outside preschool. You can add observations by either the app or browser, click on add summary of what your child has been doing at home.

**Facebook** - This is a closed group and you can request to join. This is intended to keep you updated on what the children will be and have been doing in the group. Jane, Kelli and De'Anne are the admin support for the group, however they will not be able to answer you directly if you contact them via messenger. Therefore please liaise through our email on [info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk](mailto:info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk)



### *Lunch Time*

In a bid to encourage healthy eating patterns from an early age, our recommendation is for no more than 3 items, for example, a small sandwich, a yoghurt and some fruit to be in their boxes.

**Please, cut grapes in half lengthways.  
A small child can choke on a whole grape.**

**Can I also remind you that we do not permit nuts due to allergies.**

**No peanut butter or chocolate spread containing hazelnuts in lunchboxes!**

### *Spare Clothes*

Where possible please use the changing bags to put a change of clothes in if you know your child is likely to require them. We do have a box of spare clothes which we use for children who get wet or messy while playing, spill their drinks etc but we would ask parents to wash and return any borrowed items especially underwear. Thank you.

With the weather getting colder please ensure your child is dressed accordingly. On wet days we do often still play outside. When wellies are needed could you please supply a pair of shoes to change into.