



Newsletter October 2023



The Dandelions Committee

Dandelions is run by a management committee, made up of a small group of trustees. They play such an important and crucial role in the existence of Dandelions.

Our AGM is being held on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30 via Zoom. The call will last approximately 15/20 minutes.

At the moment we only have 3 parents who have advised that they will be joining us. This is not enough for us to go ahead with the meeting.

Dandelions is unable to remain open without a committee. We therefore need parents to attend the AGM and vote for those parents who wish to join our committee

Please do let us know if you are available to attend. Your support is very much appreciated and without you we cannot continue to run.

As we've entered Autumn we have been looking at the colours changing in the leaves and talking about the weather. We have been singing lots of weather songs and enhancing our senses by playing with rice and pretending it was rain as it ran through our fingers.

Dandy has been having a wonderful time out and about with his friends. He has had a trip to the park, played with some lego and even been to a birthday party. During half term he will be jetting off on holiday so we look forward to hearing all about his next adventures.

Dandy will be visiting all of our older children first and working his way around the rest so that we can ensure everyone has had a visit before they leave us.

Boogie Mites will be coming into the setting after half term. They run an array of music programmes full of fun music and movement activities that help children to learn and boost early years development

We are looking forward to a visit to the little farm area at St Marks school soon.

Don't forget to collect your bag for the Autumn sponsored event from your child's art tray.

We are continuing to build links with Dashwood Manor and the children are decorating poppies for Remembrance Day which will be displayed along the fence for people to see. We are looking forward to joining them for a Christmas sing along.

If anyone works for a local business and could help with building links in the community please do let us know.

Apologies for the ongoing maintenance outside of the building. We are hoping work will be completed over the half term week.

School Admissions

If your child is starting school in September 2024 applications open on 1st November and closes on 15th January at midnight.

For our Christmas fundraiser the children have been busy creating artwork for their Christmas Card design. If you would like to place an order please complete the order form in your child's art tray and return to us by Wednesday 1st November. For all orders Dandelions will receive a percentage of which will be put towards our fund





Week commencing 13th November – Nursey Rhyme Week – Come in dressed in your favorite dress-up outfits

15th November – AGM – Via Zoom

17th November – Children in Need Dress up in your Pj's or something spotty

12th December – Dashwood Manor Care Home – Christmas Singalong

12th/13th/14th December Xmas Craft Mornings
10.30-12.00



Monday 23rd October – Half Term

Monday 30th October – First Day of Term

Friday 15th December – Last Day of Term

Tuesday 2nd January – Closed – Training

Wednesday 3rd January – First Day of Term

Communication

Tapestry is a wonderful tool which enables us to share information with you and also for you to share with us. We love to see what you get up to with your little ones. Please share your half term activities.

If anything has changed at home ie; contact details, doctors or in your child's health including allergies please do let us know so that we can keep our records updated.

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.

We do not permit nuts due to allergies. No peanut butter or chocolate spread containing hazelnuts or Hummus in lunchboxes and please ensure all snack bars are nut free.

Please ensure that if you are using seeded bread for your child's sandwiches that it does not contain sesame.

We also request that no raw or cooked egg should be included in your child's lunch box. We do appreciate that this can be difficult particularly in cakes and biscuits therefore if your child's lunch box does contain items with cooked egg in please notify us.

Things to remember

If your child is showing any symptoms such as temperature, upset tummy or generally feeling unwell and you feel that they may need calpol or other medication please do not send them into preschool. If your child requires any form of medication at home can you please ensure you update us even if this is a short course of antibiotics.

This is just a little reminder that the front door opens just before 3pm.

Please do come into the foyer to collect your child. This way, we know we have personally handed them over to you.

Could I politely ask that if there is a queue to come into the foyer you wait your turn. We will get the children out to you as quickly as possible.



*Don't risk it,
Quarter it*



No nuts in
this area due
to allergies

