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Buttons and Bows Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year and a very big welcome to all our new families! We delighted how well everyone is settling in.

We have lots of exciting activities, learning and fun planned for this year – so watch this space, facebook and the noticeboard for more information.

As the weather will soon be getting colder, please can we remind you to ensure your child has a pair of Wellington boots and a coat suitable for playing outside in all weathers.

Thanks very much

Clair and the Buttons and Bows Staff Team

Staff News **Welcome to Justina**, who joins us as an Early Years Educator in the Toddler Room 4 days a week. Newly qualified, Justina is also embarking on a degree in Early Childhood Studies.

Welcome to Sydney, who joins us as an Apprentice in the baby room. Sydney is already proving a popular member of the baby team.

Also joining us in the baby room is **Grace**. Half way through her level 3 Childcare qualification at Colchester Institute, Grace will be with us until January 2019 while she gains some baby experience.



Dates for your diaries

Fri 5th October – Harvest festival donations taken to the church. Any food donations gratefully received at the Nursery from today until 9am on 15th. Donations are split amongst the local community.

Mon 15th October – Parents evening. A sign up sheet with times will be available on the doors closer to the date.

Mon 22nd – Fri 26th October –Half term. No funding or hot dinners on these dates.

Wed 31st October – Pumpkin Carving, 1.30pm – 3pm. Bring along your own pumpkin and we will provide the spooky snacks and carving tools.

Sat 3rd November – Baby Stay 'N' Play session*

Wed 7th November – Preschool Stay 'N' Play session*

*more info to follow on these events soon

Mon 19th November – *People who Help Us Day* – individuals will be coming in to speak to the children about their jobs.

Congratulations to Lauren, who has been appointed Deputy Manager for the Nursery. Lauren will take this on as additional responsibility to her SENDCo role.

Forest schools – Up until half term we will be in the forest until 2.15pm. After half term and in line with the colder weather, we will return to the Nursery in time for lunch. We currently hold a waiting list for our Forest School sessions so if you would like to add your child to the list please let your key person know.

Recycling Station– Here at the Nursery we strongly believe in the importance of Recycling. Following a staff visit to Wingate Nursery in Durham, we have decided to set up a Recycle Station in the Hallway. Each month we will ask the children to bring in different recyclable items from home (we will collect 6 different items each month). The children will then recycle these items for use in their play and learning at nursery. Keep an eye out for the different pictures to see what we are collecting each month and thanks in advance for your help with this initiative.

Outdoor Area - Over the summer holidays, staff have been busy developing our toddler garden, making a start on our outdoor classroom area and a general revamp of the garden area. We still have lots of plans for the garden, and are on the look out for volunteers. If you know anyone who might be able to help please let your child's Key person know.

Emotional Wellbeing – Clair and Lauren have recently been on Children's Behaviour Training. Emotional wellbeing is key to children's development and so we will be promoting this over the next few weeks. Please keep an eye out for our display, leaflets and information about a drop in event.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the Nursery, please contact Clair, Lauren, the Room Senior or your Key person. For regular updates on the Nursery, please check the 'Buttons and Bows' & 'Bows and Arrows' Facebook page.

Sat 8th December – Christmas Fete. More info to follow.

Mon 17th December – Fri 5th January – Christmas Holidays. No funding or hot dinners on these dates.

Please note if your child is in during the holidays the Nursery will be shut on the following days:

Monday 24th – Friday 28th December (inclusive), Tuesday 1st January and Friday 4th January (PD Day)

Mon 7th January – First Day of Spring Term

Buttons and Bows Nursery has been selected to be one of the charities in the Co-op's Community token Scheme. Next time you get a green token, we would be very grateful if you could stick it in our box! All money raised will go straight back into new resources for the children.

Our box is currently in the following East of England Co-op's:

- Chantry
- Vernon Street
- Pinewood
- Belstead Hills

Don't forget to tell all your family and friends to vote for us too!

