

# The Oak Tree Pre-School Newsletter



## Welcome to the October issue of The Oak Tree Pre-School Newsletter.

It's hard to believe we are in the last quarter of this year. We are very excited to welcome our new children and their parents to Oak Tree.

The next few months in nursery are always the busiest and the most fun!

We will be celebrating Fireworks night, Halloween, Diwali, Road Safety Week and most excitingly the big man himself in red will be visiting - we just might burst!



**We will be joining this years road safety campaign and supporting this charity by holding a Beep, Beep week beginning 19th November.**

We will be learning about road safety and keeping safe. The children will be visited by a lollipop lady and the local police department, who will be coming in and talking to us about important rules to stay safe.

To further our understanding all children will be going on walks to discuss dangers and keeping safe, we will play lots of interactive games and enjoy activities based on this theme.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**30th-31st Oct**  
Halloween

October  
**31**

**5th November**  
Fireworks Night

November  
**5**

**7th November**  
Diwali

November  
**7**

**7th/8th Nov**  
Preschool parents evening

November  
**7**

**10th-12th Dec**  
Toddler Two Christmas Activities

December  
**10**

**14th December**  
Preschool Christmas Concert

December  
**14**

**20th December**  
Christmas Party

December  
**20**

More details about these events on page 3.

For more information about upcoming events, visit [www.oaktreepreschool.co.uk](http://www.oaktreepreschool.co.uk)

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Effective Communication

Can we please ask parents to be mindful that staff are busy with children during the day and if you need to collect children earlier than the end of session that you let your children's room leaders know at morning drop off, in order for staff to prepare the children in going home early. This ensures they do not begin a new creative activity with your child just before they are about to leave.

## New season

The weather is starting to change so can we please ask parents to ensure their child is dressed appropriately for the weather such as warmer coats, gloves that are waterproof and a warm hat. Wellingtons are advised on rainy days. Please also ensure your child's spare clothes bag is full as we do not want children in damp clothes during the day.

Please provide your child with comfortable indoor shoes (slippers) clearly labelled.

## First Aid

Your child's safety and well-being is at the heart of everything we do at Oak Tree and I am delighted to announce that every member of the Oak Tree team are fully qualified first aiders, and trained in administering lifesaving treatments. Aureen, our fabulous nursery chef is the last one of the team to attend training which she will receive in November this year.

## Staff Development and Training

Staff training and development is essential in the Early years, and with a regularly changing curriculum and government guidance it is essential all of the team are up to date with current national and local legislation.

Please see on the parents notice board a list of all of the staff training courses the team will be going on over the next 6 months.

## Updated Policies

Please be advised the nurseries policies and procedures have been updated.

Should you require a copy please email [clare@oaktreepreschool.co.uk](mailto:clare@oaktreepreschool.co.uk).

Copies of these documents are on the reception table and in each classroom.

## Staffing

We are very excited to announce Shireen McNair has accepted the Toddler Two room leader position and will also be working alongside Hannah and Joanna as third in charge on the management team. Both of these new posts begin on 1st October, I am sure you will all join me in wishing Shireen the best of luck with her new promotion.

We are delighted to welcome Gosia back to the nursery. Gosia began working at Oaktree full time in 2012 in the toddler room as a nursery nurse (level 2) and has recently returned from maternity leave with her second child.

Gosia will be working back in Toddlers alongside Shireen, Maisa, and Orla, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Text messaging service

Please be advised we will text both parents when we are notified of any illnesses at nursery, you will also be advised of anything to remember. If you do not wish to receive text updates please let nursery know.





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## OCTOBER

### Halloween

We will be having a Halloween party on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st October, all children are invited to come in fancy dress. Please be advised your child's costume does not have to be scary or in keeping with Halloween we also welcome, princesses, fairies pirates etc.



## NOVEMBER

### Fireworks night and Diwali

We will be celebrating Fireworks Night and Diwali in November.

### Pre-school Parents Evening

Wednesday 7th November and Thursday 8th November (time slots will be displayed on the front door)

## DECEMBER

### Toddler Two Christmas activities

Toddler Two Christmas activities will take place on:

- Monday 10th December
- Tuesday 11th December
- Wednesday 12th December

Parents are invited to book a play and stay session, where you will be able to join in with fun and exciting Christmas activities. (Further details will be given nearer the time)

### Pre-school Christmas Concert

Preschool Christmas Concert will be on Friday 14th December at 11.00am (details to be displayed)

### Christmas Party and Dinner

Christmas party and Christmas dinner for the WHOLE NURSERY will be on Thursday 20th December.





# WOW MOMENTS!

**As you are aware, each child in the Early Years Foundation Stage have their own individual learning journeys (also known as yellow books), where we record your child's development and progress.**

These are extremely special books and we would very much like you to be a big part of documenting your child's first precious years, and together both at home and nursery we will capture the incredible milestones and learning Journey your child will go through.

'WOW' sheets can be completed by parents/carers or any adult who have been given responsibility for your child outside of nursery hours e.g. grandparents, other close relatives and child-minders. We also welcome and would love to see photographs, pictures, writing or any other evidence to support the contents of the 'WOW' sheets.

It can be anything that you feel your child has achieved or accomplished!

When you have written down your child's 'WOW' moment, please email them to the nursey or give them to the teachers in the room, so that the 'WOW' sheet can be shared in nursery and then can be added to the children's learning journey.

There are printed 'WOW' sheets on the reception table and will also be available online soon.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you need to contact the Oak Tree Team, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

*Clare and the Oak Tree Team*

## EXAMPLES OF WOW MOMENTS:

- A first wee or poo in the potty.
- Drinking from a cup with no handles.
- Sleeping in their own bed all night.
- Riding a bike with/out stabiliser.
- Completing 5 metres for the first time without armbands.
- Your child may have written a letter of their name; or
- their full name for the first time by themselves.