

It came as a bit of a shock last Friday when Ofsted made that very scary call ! Thankfully it was a Friday. It gave us time to prepare.

The inspection went well and at this moment in time we only know that there are no concerns. We are all so pleased. The full report will be published January 2023.

Thank you to all the parents who passed on some lovely feedback, it was greatly appreciated and lovely to hear. Janice, the inspector commented what a lovely relationship we have with our parents.

Right from the start this new term has been busy! The Children have been very excited to share their experiences of Halloween, bringing in pumpkins and broomsticks and this gave the staff the opportunity to expand their learning. For example, we made bright orange playdough, and this led to everyone making pumpkins of many different shapes and sizes and the children used it to flatten either with their hands or rollers to cut out and make autumn leaves. At circle time the staff read the story of 'Pumpkin Soup' The children love this story, and it has been re-created many times in our messy kitchen and observed by the Ofsted inspector.

During Forest school, the children have learnt so much about autumn. The ground is covered in autumn leaves, and they love to kick them, hear them crunch under foot and transport them from one end to the other in the wheelbarrow, making big piles to kick and run through.

Our older children had the opportunity to visit Primary School's harvest festival, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Our relationship with school is building back up after, what feels like, many years of restrictions and guidelines.

Mrs Ede has already invited our F2's (the children starting school in Sept 23) to join in with her reception children's nativity play. Dates to follow.

Dates also to follow for Pre Schools Christmas party which we have managed to continue and the Children love this celebration.

### Parent and Key Person chats.

These will take place from the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November. Your child's key person will notify you of the date and the time that your meeting will be. The meeting will take approximately 15 mins. It will be an opportunity for you to have a chat with your child's Key Person, find out how your child is progressing, their next steps at Pre School and activities to try at home. If you are unable to attend the date given, please let your child's Key person or Louise know as soon as possible so that it can be rearranged.

### Fundraising

If you have any fundraising ideas or feel that you could help Hannah and her Fundraising subcommittee, please chat with Hannah or Louise. We are always open to hear new ideas and Hannah would like to arrange a fundraising calendar.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November is our next cake stall. Lizzie will ask around for volunteer bakers, this was a huge success last month, thank you to the bakers who made cakes and savoury goodies for us to sell. We raised just over £100 in cake sales and received many kind donations.

### Important Dates.

Cake stall Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30-11.30am, outside the Village Shop.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Christmas Wreath Making, 7pm at the Village Hall.

Last day of term 2, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, Christmas holiday starts Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Term 3 starts Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.