

## **October Newsletter 2016 – Number 2**

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

We have seen a change in the weather, with a few more leaves starting to fall and it feeling very much like Autumn. Please ensure you bring your child's (named) coat to Pre-school on every session as we do play outside and it can be quiet cold in our courtyard as the sun does not reach this until late morning.

The children seemed to have enjoyed re-telling the stories 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Little Red Hen'. We have made two display boards with the children's work - one in the entrance hall and the other by the library. Please do have a look when you drop your child off.

### **Are you able to help?**



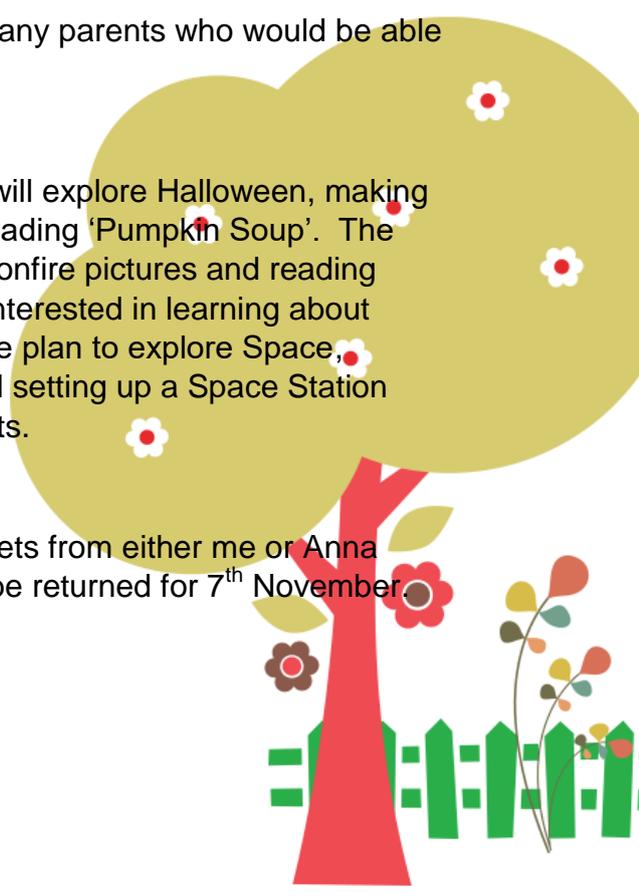
The lid on our sand-pit has rotted away. Do we have any parents who would be able to help us make a new one?

### **Activities**

The first week we return after the half term break we will explore Halloween, making spider's webs, bats and pumpkin masks, as well as reading 'Pumpkin Soup'. The second week we will explore Bonfire Night, creating bonfire pictures and reading 'Frances Firefly'. The children have shown they are interested in learning about 'Space'. During the second, third and fourth weeks we plan to explore Space, thinking about how we get there, what we will find and setting up a Space Station with a hospital and science lab completing experiments.

### **Fundraising – Barn Dance 12<sup>th</sup> November**

This promises to be a fun night; you can buy your tickets from either me or Anna Greensmith. Please can all raffle tickets and money be returned for 7<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support!



### **Ofsted**

Our report can be seen via the link I sent with this newsletter. Ofsted said we were a strong good and the care and welfare we provide for the children is exemplary. They recommended to further improve the quality of our practice is:

- Make use of all opportunities to challenge children and encourage them to think, solve problems and come up with their own ideas.
- Strengthen the two-way exchange of information with parents so they can support their children's learning further at home.

All around the room are words to prompt the use of open-ended questions which will support the children's further thinking and to solve problems. The children all worked together to build a cave outside, some of the boxes kept falling over and they solved the problem by coming up with the idea of putting chairs next to the boxes.

Next half term your child's key-person will invite you in for a parent consultation and discuss your child's next steps.

As well as discussing your child's next steps at parent consultations you should also see your child's next steps or what we are learning at Pre-school in your child's red learning journey. Please do look out for these and share with us what you are doing at home. This two-way communication does help us to provide the best support for your child's learning.

### **Snack Fee and Afternoon Policy**

Please remember to return the snack fee and afternoon policy Parental Declaration. If you are not making a voluntary contribution via the snack fee then please bring in a piece of fruit. Snacks are not covered by the Free Early Education funding.

Lastly, the staff and I wish you a safe and fun half term break; please do let us know your family adventures.

Kind Regards  
Karen

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – we return to Pre-school

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Barn Dance



