

Ways to get involved in YOUR SCHOOL ☺

COFFEE AND CAKE on Thursday 19 October 10.30 – 11.30 or 2.00 – 3.00

Please come along to have a coffee and a catch-up and plan this term's 3 fundraising events with us:



1. **The Halloween Family Disco is on Monday 30 October**
2. **The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 9 December**
3. **Children in Need is our charity fundraising event on Fri 17 Nov.**

Money raised from events 1 and 2 will help support the cost of the children's visit to the theatre at Christmas to see Pinocchio. Please support your school by coming along to plan and most importantly, take part in these special events.

HALLOWEEN DISCO Monday 30 October, 5.00 – 6.30 pm

Tickets for the nursery Halloween disco are on sale now £2 each (to include glowstick) Make sure you buy your tickets before they sell out! Fancy dress is optional.

LEARNING JOURNALS

We hope you all managed to write your little 'heart' message to your child for the front of their journal. If not, please ask your key person for a new one. We'd love to hear about the things your child is interested in and learning about at home, so that these very important stories can also be in the Journal. To help you with this, we are having a **workshop** to look at 'what learning looks like in the home' and give you some easy steps to writing it down, so that those lovely things you do with your child can be in the book – memories to treasure forever.

The 1hr workshop 'Sharing Stories from Home' is on Wed 8 Nov with Becky

10.30am and 12.30pm

Can you all please try to pop in so that your child doesn't miss out on stories from home in their journal. Please sign up to let us know you're coming.

ALLOTMENT CLUB



I am looking for volunteers to help on the allotment occasionally. It might just be digging over the mud patch, helping clear the raised beds ready for planting, doing a spot of weeding, or tidying up the greenhouse, but every little helps. Please sign up on the whiteboard.

PLAY STUFF SHOP AND BOOK SHOP

I am also looking for volunteers to run these little shops. This involves looking through catalogues to order books and creative resources that can be sold very cheaply to all families eg paint, glue, scissors, card, glitter etc. The shop runs 3 times a year – just before Christmas, Easter and Summer, so it's not too demanding a role. I just need willing people to lend a hand please.

**We break up for Christmas on Friday 22 December
and come back to school on Monday 8 January 2018 ☺**

Wingate Community Nursery School

Newsletter

Autumn 2017



Autumn Leaves
by
Francesca Gamon

Dear parents, grandparents, friends and families

I am really pleased to say that all our children are beginning to settle into life at nursery. They are making new friends, finding their way around this big, exciting place, getting the feel of the routines, and belonging to their own little "family groups".

It's been great for us to get to know you too – our parents, grandparents and families. There is a lovely positive vibe and feeling about this year already! Thank you to you all for a great start – children, families and staff.

OUR FOCUS THIS TERM

Our main focus during these early weeks is all about developing children's confidence, independence, self-esteem and social skills, as we introduce them to new friends and new experiences on offer in nursery, teaching new language, skills and concepts, so that they have the necessary tools to be creative and imaginative and be a possibility thinker.

In addition to this, we will also be focussing on Autumn, looking at the beautiful leaves, conkers, acorns and other treasures we find in the garden, our allotment and the woods. We are also planting bulbs with the children, ready for Spring.

COMMUNICATION

I've sent home a little speech bubble for you to write your thoughts and feelings on the process of 'Starting Nursery'. This will provide us with constructive feedback, enabling us to reflect on how we manage these very early, precious weeks, not only for the children, but also you! We will stick these into our 'Family Feedback Book' to make your comments visible to all. Please feel free to write in the book whenever you like, about anything related to nursery and your time here. The book is kept on the shelf, near the big whiteboard, near nursery doors.

IN2NATURE WORKSHOPS; 17 OCTOBER

Workshops will be held on Tuesday 17 October for you to find out all about our days in nature with the children. **This is a workshop EVERY family must attend** to make sure you ALL understand how we run In2Nature sessions and importantly, receive your child's snowsuit. Please sign up to one workshop on the noticeboard.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Week beginning 13 November, we are having parent's evenings for you to come and speak to your key person about your child's learning and development. Signing up sheets will be on the big whiteboard after half term.

CHRISTMAS

There's a lot going on at Christmas, so I will send an update with more details about each event, a bit nearer the time. **The most important thing to note is that on Wednesday 13 December, the morning children are in nursery all day, but off on Thursday 14th. And the afternoon children are off all day Wednesday 13th December and in nursery all day Thursday 14th.** The full day in nursery is 9.00 – 3.00

Happy first term to you all, with very best wishes

Becky ☺ on behalf of the Nursery staff team

Quick Reminders:

- **School Absence** – if your child is off school, you must let us know. Please ring school on 01429 838206.
- **Snack money is on a Monday** and can be paid directly to Nicola, School Secretary. Nicola will be on the front desk as you arrive.
- **Names in clothes** - please ensure your child's name is in everything, but especially their coat.

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30 oct 5.00 – 6.30 Family Disco Tickets on sale now – everyone welcome	31 oct	1 nov	2	3	4
6	7 Visitors Day A group from Wales spending the day with us	8	9	10	11
13 Parent's Evenings	14 4pm Governors Meeting Parent's Evenings	15 Parent's Evenings	16 Parent's Evenings	17 Children in Need Fundraising Day	18
20	21	22 Photographer Day	23	24	25
27 Play stuff shop and book club	28 Play stuff shop and book club	29 Play stuff shop and book club	30 Going to choose a Christmas Tree Play stuff shop and book club	1 dec Decorating our Christmas tree Play stuff shop and book club	2
4	5	6	7	8	9 CHRISTMAS FAYRE 11am – 1pm
11	12	13 Christmas dinner and Theatre Visit – morning children in all day (pm children off)	14 Christmas dinner and Theatre Visit – afternoon children in all day (am children off)	15	16
18 Baking mince pies for our families to eat at the Christmas concert	19	20 Christmas Concerts	21 Christmas Party Day	22 Break up today	

VISITORS DAYS

You may notice on 7 November, we have visitors from other parts of the country coming to spend the day with us. These are Early Years practitioners, who work in schools and settings with young children just like us, who come to observe our practice and find out how we do things here. We have shared our work with other professionals in this way for over 11 years now, both nationally and internationally and feel very proud to be doing so. We hope you will feel the same way too about your Nursery.