



Newsletter Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parent and carers,

We've made it to the end of the first half of the Autumn Term!! Thank you to all our wonderful children and families for making me feel so welcome in my first term as Manager. A massive thank you to the incredible staff here at The Children's Workshop, who have absolutely embraced the changes, made me feel like one of the team and each day go above and beyond for your children.

This week we have been learning about Autumn and Harvest through play. Our farm shop was a big hit on Wednesday and we kept it out for the rest of the week. We heard such fantastic role play between the children. They loved choosing their vegetables and filling their bags, as well as role playing a shop assistant and using the till, laptop and phone. We saw children 'writing' lists and making notes in the note pad – what a wonderful real-life experience of writing and understanding that their marks have a meaning.

We were joined again by Sharon, from Tiny Crafters, on Thursday. She spoke to the children about Harvest and the importance of giving to others. Noah said "sharing is caring!." Thank You for all the donations, which Sharon has taken for families in need.



Wellie and Shoes

In this wet weather we understand that you would like your children to come to preschool wearing wellies – however please can you **change your children into shoes** before coming into preschool. This helps us to keep the preschool clean, as we spend a lot of our time playing on the floor.



New children Reports

All our new children who started this September will receive either a 2 Year Check or a Summery report. These will be added to Tapestry for you to read. There is a space for the Child's Voice where you can add a sentence about what your child's says about preschool. You could ask "what do you like about preschool?" There is also a 'Relative Contribution' section which we would very much appreciate you completing. If your child receives a 2-year check, please can you bring in their **red book** for us to sign section 38a.

If there is anything you wish to discuss in the report then please add a comment and we can arrange a suitable time for a meeting. We also have Parent consultations scheduled for the week beginning Monday 27th November.

Important Dates

HALF TERM - Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

Monday 30 th October	2 nd Half of Autumn Term
Wk beg Monday 27 th November	Parent Consultations
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need (Wear Spots and Stripes)
Wednesday 6 th December	Music Workshop
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Party (Children only)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Event (Parents)



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 3 rd January	Spring Term Starts
HALF TERM - Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	
Monday 19 th February	2 nd Half Term
Tuesday 26 th March	Finish for Easter



Speech and Language

We have worked with a wonderful private Speech and Language Therapist called Lucy Dillon. Lucy lives local and has worked privately with some children at Flying Start. She is absolutely amazing and if you have any concerns about your child's speech and don't want to wait for the long NHS waiting list, then if you can, I would highly recommend contacting Lucy.

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