



## Newsletter Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term. It's been an exciting start, with lots of Halloween themed activities and exploring everything we can do with a pumpkin!! We've written on them, scraped them out, used bicarb and vinegar to make eruptions, we've planted the seeds and hammered golf tees into them – oh and rolled them down a half pipe! Well that's that done for another year.

It's actually been a very special week for me, as I am now officially the new owner of The Children's Workshop. After 50 years, the wonderful Joan has handed over the reigns to me and I am truly honoured that she has entrusted me with her 'baby'. As Sherrilynne said "Here's to the next 50 years!"



### Invoices

The second instalment of your Autumn Term is now due (unless a private payment plan has been agreed).

All sessions MUST be paid for in advance.

Thank you.

### **Renew your 30 Hours Code**

Please make sure you renew your Extended 30 hours entitlement every 30 hours. If you miss the deadline we will not be able to claim the funding and you will be charged the full rate.

If your child turns 3 years this term and you are entitled to the extended hours (30 hours) please make sure you apply before 31<sup>st</sup> December. Any applications after this date will not be valid until the Summer Term. [Check here](#).

### **Tax Free Childcare (Eligible Families)**

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both.

Please check out [this link](#) to see if you are eligible and set up an account before your next payment to ensure you benefit from the additional government support.

### **Important Dates**

#### **HALF TERM - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

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



#### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

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



### **Red Book**

Parents of a new 2-year-olds (who have recently received a 2 year check) please can you bring in your child's red book. Thank you.

### **Lunch Boxes**

A little reminder please to keep lunches healthy – that means no sweets and chocolate.

Thank you.

