

Hello Everyone... What an eventful start to November we all had ☺ we would like to start this month's newsletter by thanking everyone for all their support during the nursery closure. Everyone should have received a letter regarding payments should nursery be instructed by public Health to close bubbles or the whole nursery. It is fantastic that local authority have recognised the impact of closures for private nurseries, now this funding is available and we do recognise how difficult this situation is; should it occur again nursery will not be charging fees going forward as a result of this funding which has just become available.

We pleased that during such uncertain times to tell you that Emma and Asma are both expecting. This will be Emma's third child and she has been told she is having a girl and it's Asma's second child and she is expecting another little boy. Congratulations to both of them. Asma will continue to work until her maternity in the baby room, however due to the pandemic Emma has decided to start her maternity early so is not due back into nursery until September next year. Shaida will be returning back to nursery in January after spending time at home with her daughter. Shaida is really excited to be coming back to nursery and has arranged some contact days to come into nursery and familiarise herself with the children and staff. Kareema has also called Shaida's expertise to come in and help with the Christmas nativities / productions in the preschool unit. Both Heroes and Rolos will do performances which will be recorded for parents due to the current Co-vid restrictions.

**Our Topic at nursery for the Autumn Term is.....**

**'Out and about in the local community'.**

**The book for this month is 'It was a dark cold night' by Tim Hopgood**

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following us on **TWITTER**; search for swansyardley. Or go to our nursery website and read our room blogs or learn about future events on [www.littleswans.org.uk](http://www.littleswans.org.uk)

## Heroes News

This month Heroes will be focusing on practicing their nativity for December, which will be closed performance for the children and staff in Pre School due to the Co-vid restrictions. We will be recording the performance for parents. The children will be making Diwali cards and talking about fireworks as well as making their own firework pictures and recalling their experience of bonfire night this year. To support self-care, particularly during these times where it is so important the children will be participating in activities to promote good personal hygiene, as well as a healthy balanced lifestyle including oral hygiene and the importance of exercise. When exploring the outdoors staff will be incorporating the change of weather / season into the children's learning. Staff also feel many children in Heroes are now ready to begin learning to form letters and practice writing their names.

## Rolos & Sweeties News

This month Rolos and Sweeties will be focusing on different colours using a variety of materials to create their own firework pictures. Staff will support children to talk about their pictures, the colours, textures as well as their own personal experiences of bonfire night such as the sounds they hear. The children will also be continuing with their letter recognition using keyboards and tracing over letters using markers. The children will also be learning about exercise and why this is important, staff have planned for the children to do some yoga. The children will also be collecting leaves and decorating boxes and making some junk models. If you have any cereal boxes, empty kitchen roll holders, yoghurt pots etc... these would be appreciated (these will be put away for 72 hours before they are used). Thank you. To further more support the children's next steps in learning they will be making their own road maps to encourage, problem solving, collective learning as well as shape and colour recognition. The children just like Heroes will also be practicing for their Christmas performance which will be recorded for parents.

## Smarties News

The children in Smarties enjoy participating in activities in the tuff tray, so this month we will be doing small group activities using the tuff tray such as a bug hunt, where bugs will be hidden under leaves etc... and the children will be encouraged to find them using magnifying glasses. Staff will support children to talk about what they can see and name the bugs. We will also be creating a dinosaur swamp, where the children can develop their describing language skills by talking about texture and colour. Our focus this month will be shapes, we will be encouraging the children to recognise and name shapes through fun activities, such as making tissue paper shapes for our windows. As always we will continue to support the children with their next steps and record their progress. We will also be learning our numbers and learning to count in sequence through everyday routines such as counting cups at lunchtime, or how many beds we have at sleep time. In addition, we will be exploring our creative activities and practicing our mark making skills such as tissue paper colour exploration, where Smarties will be spraying water on tissue paper squares lifting them up to see a rainbow on their tissue paper.

## Jelly Babies

This month is Children in Need and the children will be participating in all the activities during Children in Need that Sabah has planned. We will also be getting very messy with our messy play being supported with activities such as table top painting, fruit printing, body painting as well as very sparkly activities such as glitter pictures making firework explosions onto paper. As we are having a belated Halloween party day we will be baking cakes and exploring some Halloween activities. We really enjoyed pretending to be mummies with paper rolls, so we will be doing that activity again, look out for the scary photos!!! We will be focusing on children's next steps too in particular washing hands and being able to follow instructions. To help us achieve these next steps we will be learning the washing hand song, playing games with the parachute and also doing little tasks like sweeping away the puddles in the garden area. We will be exploring the small world toys and making our own road to push the cars around.

# Happy Diwali to all our parents and families who celebrate the festival ☺

## Upcoming Events and Dates

### November Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - PJ day, raising money for Children in Need (we will let you know how much the Nursery raises, donations can be made online)
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**- Belated Halloween Party / day. Halloween dress up day.
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November** -.Nursery photo day – please see message on learning journal site for more information. Sessions are as follows:
  - **Babies** – 9.230 am – 11.30am
  - **Preschool** - 11.30am – 2pm
  - **Smarties** – 2pm – 4pm
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents evening consultations via telephone. Please ensure you have booked a time with a member of staff from your child's bubble.

### Drop in SENCO Session

Rose is the nursery's setting-based SENCO and will be offering parents and staff a drop-in session on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am until 11am**. *This session provides you with the opportunity to seek advice if you have any concerns regarding your child's development or would like information about other professionals and their services in the local community.*

### Notice for Parents

- Jelly Babies parents can you please make sure that you label all of the child's belongings such as their coat, shoes, food supplies etc. ....
- Please speak to management if you cannot access the learning journal site as we send important messages via this portal.
- Pre School parents can you please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear for the weather, such as shoes with good soles as the wet weather makes the outdoor areas slippery.
- Can we please remind all parents to bring in their child's water bottle each day filled with fresh drinking water. These will be refilled throughout the day and sent home at the end of each day to be cleaned.
- Please make sure that your child brings in a Nursery bag with them each day as they may have letters, or creations they have made to go inside. It is also essential that they have a pair of spare clothes as children can have accidents, get messy or wet!

### Staff Training and Meetings

**This month there will not be a staff training evening. However nursery will still close early on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November as staff will be contacting parents for their child's parents' evening meeting. Please ensure all children are collected by 4.45pm to allow staff time to prepare and to have a little something to eat as it's a very long day for them. Thank you**

**If you have not already booked your time slot for your phone consultation please speak with a member of staff from your child's bubble. Appointments start from 5.15pm onwards.**

**Parents will receive consultation forms as normal for parents evening via the learning journal site. Thank you**

### Coronavirus notice for parents

- Thank you to all parents who have been wearing face masks when dropping or collecting their child from nursery. If you have not been wearing a face mask then we would appreciate your cooperation going forward with this as we are using this as a measure to avoid transmission of the infection when you are bringing/ dropping your child into nursery.
- Please could all parents stick to the dropping off times in the morning (unless you have spoken to a member of management) as staff are unable to come to the gate inbetween times and we will kindly ask you to wait until the next staff member starts their shift. **Drop off times are the following:**
  - Smarties and Pre School - 7.30am, 8.30am, 9am and 9.30am**
  - Jelly Babies - 7.40am, 8.40am, 9.10am and 9.40am**Could we please ask parents of preschool children to not knock the window whilst they are waiting for the allocated drop off time. This is distracting to staff who are teaching/ supervising the children already in nursery. **Staff will open the door only at the designated times.** Thank you
- Please could parents continue to ring the Nursery if your child is ill so that we can monitor illness. If your child is showing any signs of coronavirus they will need to isolate for 10 days or get a coronavirus test.  
**Thank you for your continued support**