

November is a very busy month for the nursery as we are making poppies/biscuits and decorating stones with poppies to commemorate 100 years of our post war heroes.

We have a visit from Zoo Lab on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The children will get to see lots of little creatures that they will be able to hold and look at and learn about. Spiders, crickets, snakes etc. If you haven't paid its £5 per child and you can pay in the office.

We have our nursery Halloween party at the setting tomorrow from 2:15pm until 3.30pm. All children are welcome however if your child does not attend on this day please make sure they are not dropped before 2:15pm and that they are picked up by 3:30pm.

We are selling tickets for our family Halloween party that will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 12-3pm. Tickets are on sale at the office priced at £4 per adult and £3 per child. Harvest festival has been collected and will be delivered to Carrs lane senior citizens this week as well as Green Lane. The photographer will be coming to nursery on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am. Children that do not attend nursery on this day will still be able to come and have their photos taken. Please make sure you bring them between 11am and 12 midday. Please make sure they come dressed in their best and we will make sure they stay clean.

Our Topic book at nursery for October is .....  
***Bella's Birthday Surprise ....'***

*Find out what we are up to on a daily basis by*



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 we will be making some cakes... and probably eating a few before the reach home!

The children will be making some presents using junk modelling and writing invitations to their friends. We will be having a Diwali party as well as Halloween and will be dancing and involved in party games such as musical statues and musical chairs.

We will be cutting around birthday pictures as well as making cards for each other.

And will be looking at our birthdays during circle time activity.

## Jelly Babies News

This month we will be creating some firework and bonfire pictures using orange, yellow and red paint to create our colourful fireworks. Also, a bit of glitter to make our fireworks shine.

We will be carrying on with our sensory play adding objects and materials to explore different textures.

We will be creating Diwali cards and preparing for our Diwali party.

We will be having lots of fun exploring the outdoor area especially the mud kitchen using different utensils to mix up the mud.

As it has been 100 years since the war we will be creating poppies painting poppies onto pebbles and stones so if you have any spare in your garden then we will be grateful for the donation.

Also, its Zoo lab and Halloween this week so if you would like your child to get involved then please speak with a member of staff. Thank you 🙏

## Smarties & Sweeties News

In November Sweeties will be exploring different ways of mark making to make our bonfire pictures to take home. We will be having parties at nursery to celebrate different festivals and will be dancing and playing party games. We will start to learn some Christmas songs as there is not long to go..

We will explore outside in different types of weather and gather things to share. We will also be making poppies for Remembrance Day and decorating stones.

Little note for parents: please checks your child's pockets at the end of the day. Thank you.

Smarties will be baking cakes this month and will be having messy water play using foam and paint. They will also be playing in the sand mark making with cars and having lots of story time activities throughout the month.

We will be painting stones for Remembrance Day with beautiful poppy pictures, exploring the outdoors as well as dressing up with our friends.

Rolos News This month we will be making lovely colourful pictures for our Bonfire Display Board and learning about Bonfire safety measures. We will be exploring mini beasts and are looking forward to the Zoo Lab visit this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We are doing our phonics daily now as well as working on self-care and toilet training.

Our book for this month is 'Bella's Birthday Surprise' and we will be looking into weather changes and the clothes we should wear. We will be talking about Remembrance Day through discussion and activities.

## Jelly Tots News

This month Jelly Tots will be making Bonfire pictures so we will be getting very messy and colourful. We will also be listening to the sounds that fireworks make.

We will be decorating stones with wonderful poppy pictures to commemorate 100 years post war.

This month our Makaton signs are 'sorry' and 'drink'. Please ask our children to show you.

We are really looking forward to our visit from Zoo lab as well as making Diwali pictures and cards.

Our story for this month is Bella's Birthday Surprise and we shall enjoy hearing all about Bella!

We will be involved in lots of Arts and Crafts and sensory activities to encourage the children to explore new textures using their hands.

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Dates for your diary: From Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Story Sessions at the library: Alternate Mondays Rolos and Heroes

Nanny Shirley: Every Thursday unless family commitments  
Forest School: Alternate Fridays for Rolos and Heroes

## Upcoming Events and Dates

### November 2018 Dates for your Diary

#### • Notice for all parents

#### \*Drop in SENCO Session

As Dianne has now left the nursery Rose will be taking over the role of SENCO and will be starting in January 2019

#### Notice for Parents.

- Have you any toys/clothes/high chairs/pushchairs that you would like to donate to the setting that are no longer used. We want to raise money for an interactive whiteboard for Heroes and came up with the idea of selling second hand items to raise money towards this.
- We currently have some second-hand toys for sale in the nursery office. If you would like to purchase any toys please pop in and have a look at what we have for sale. Thank you
- During the hours of 7.30-9.30am Mon to Fri please use the main intercom buzzer at the gate as signposted
- Can you please make sure children's bags are stored on the trollies provided and not in the hallway as this is hazardous and could cause an accident?
- Have you got any large garden stones that you can donate to the nursery for the children to paint poppies on for Remembrance Day 100 years post war?
- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this weather. Warm clothing and labelled
- No toys to be brought in from home to the setting as we will not be responsible for damage or loss

#### FUNDING

As we are approaching the end of term and will soon be starting another term I would like to signpost parents to the government site **childcare choices**. This site has been set up by the government to advise parents on funding and tax free childcare available for working parents. If you think you may be eligible please visit the site on complete the online calculator which will provide you with money saving options for your childcare. Thank you  
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** Halloween party at nursery  
2.15pm until 3.30pm

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November** Harvest Festival collection to go to residents

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9:30am** Zoo lab visit. £5 per child please pay at the office

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November** Family Halloween Party at Sheldon Heath Social Club 12-3pm. Tickets on sale at the office £3 per child £4 per adult

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November** Bonfire Night

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November** Diwali cards to be made

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** Diwali Party

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** Photographer

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** Photographer

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
Children in need cake sales

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** Children in need dress up day.  
Something spotty or stripy

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November** Rhyme week for children.  
Rhyme per day for the children to learn/sing

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** St Andrews Day children to make a flag

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November** Parents Evening starts at 5.10pm. Children to be collected at 4.45pm

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** St Andrews Day children to wear blue or white

#### Staff Training:

No staff training this month as we have Parents Evening on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Starting at 5.10pm all children to be collected by 4.45pm at the latest

Late collection will incur a late collection charge.