

This month the nursery starts to get ready for Christmas in a very subtle way as we don't want the children to get too excited this early; well at least not until the end of the month! We will be selling Christmas Party tickets for Sheldon Heath Social. Please refer to 'Save The Date' and other adverts in this newsletter. We are starting this early as last year we had to cancel due to poor response.

Can I remind parents of children that have a sleep to provide a bed sheet and blanket for your child if you have not already done so.

We will be saying goodbye to Laura from Jelly Tots next month. She will be leaving at the end of December to start maternity leave. Laura has been at the nursery for 11 years. She has been an asset to the setting and will be greatly missed.

**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 Cold Dark Night'**

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



following us on **TWITTER**; search for swansyardley. Alternatively, 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 in Heroes, we will be learning about Diwali. We will talk about the festival, who celebrates it and why? The children will be making their own Diwali cards, gluing and sticking a candle onto the card, they have drawn themselves. They will also be making an edible candle using crackers, cucumber and carrots as well as lanterns using card, glitter and sequins.

Heroes will be creating their own fireworks, using paint, watercolours, oil crayons as well as coloured pencils. Therefore, we are expecting some very colourful art work!

The children will take part in colouring Rangoli patterns using paint, crayons, pegs and sand.

Heroes will be doing Active Azra activities, learning about heart rate fast and slow, what happens when we exercise and why we should eat healthy?

Its sounds like Heroes will be having a fun packed very busy month!

### PARENTS EVENING

Nursery will close early this month for Parents Evening.

Held on: **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Please make sure all children are collected by 4:45pm.

*Please note:* There will be a charge for late collection for any child on the premises after this time.

## Smarties & Sweeties News

This month in Sweeties we will be focusing on pencil control by using dot-to-dot sheets.

We will be making rockets for a Firework display and will be working with secondary colours. The children will be having more sensory play; using jelly and having bugs and fish (not real!) inside.

We will be focusing on managing our feelings by using hug jars and facial expression cards.

In Smarties staff are encouraging the children to be more independent regarding shoes, coat, toileting and belongings. We will be celebrating bonfire night and as part of that celebration, we will be involved in lots of different creative activities. We are also making Diwali cards and learning about the colours used in Diwali celebrations, which will help us to learn our colours.

As part of Remembrance Day celebrations the Smarties will be making poppies for their folders. We will be learning about shapes and using shape sorters in play to support the learning during focus times.

We will also be doing lots of mark making activities, which will enable us to grasp and hold tools correctly with good control. It is World Nursery Rhyme week on 18 November. The children will be singing their favourite nursery rhymes at nursery so please join in at home.

## Jelly Babies and Jelly Tots

This month in Jelly Babies, we will be creating Firework pictures.

We will use chalk and let the babies create different marks on black paper to make the chalk stand out. We will be using cardboard tubes and making splits in them to create our fireworks, by dabbing the split end in paint. We will also be making rockets, some on paper and some using empty plastic bottles. We will use tissue paper to create flames.

We will continue to explore new sensory experiences by adding tubs of water to our light box so we can watch the lights reflect off the water.

Jelly Babies will also be doing more food texture tasting play. Last month we experienced ice cream, pasta and jelly. This month it will be rice play, oat play and more fruit tasting!

**REMINDER**; please send in photos of your children with pets, favourite toys and the special people in their lives so that we can create photo books for the children to look at. Thank you.

The Jelly Tots are going to be celebrating and learning about Bonfire Night and Diwali this month. They are going to be making firework pictures, reading bonfire stories and watching videos. We will also be making Diwali cards and completing Diwali artwork as well as taking part in Diwali dancing and making Diwali cakes. Jelly Tots are going to continue learning their numbers, colours and shapes through play and messy play activities!

Rolos News During November the Rolos will be getting very creative and messy! We will be celebrating Bonfire night by creating our own firework pictures with chalks, glitter and neon paint. We will discover different ways to create these pictures while getting messy in the process. We will also be learning about Remembrance Day. We will be looking at the meaning of this day and will be making poppies from lots of different materials. We will also be making a poppy wreath and will be walking down to the memorial site to place it with others.

Rolos will be continuing with their letter recognition, looking at objects in the environment, and trying to identify what letter the object starts with. We will then be finding objects that start with the first letter of the childrens name.

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Dates for your diary: From Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday November 29<sup>th</sup> 2019

Forest School at Yardley school for Rolos, Sweeties and Heroes will be on a Monday and Friday. Children will go on a rota basis please speak with your child's key person to see when it is their turn. Children will go from 9.30am - 11am

## Notice for Parents

- Children that have a sleep at lunchtime: can parents/carers please make sure you bring in a sheet and blanket to be left at nursery each Monday and taken home to be washed Fridays for the following week. Thank you.
- We will be selling tickets for our family Christmas Party to be held at Sheldon Heath Social Club on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 12-4pm, Tickets will be on sale as from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Last year we had to cancel due to a poor response and don't want the same to happen this year so please make sure you buy early to save disappointment

## Upcoming Events and Dates

### November Dates For Your Diary

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** Tickets on sale for family Christmas party at Sheldon Heath Social
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** Stay and Play session at Yardley Library 10am until 11:15am
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need week as follows:**
  - Monday:** children make a Pudsey mask
  - Tuesday:** children to wear something spotty
  - Wednesday:** Pudsey Pyjama day
  - Thursday:** Pudsey bear cake sale
  - Friday:** Children write a letter to pudsey
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** nursery photographer Jelly Babies, Jelly Tots and Smarties
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** nursery photographer Sweeties, Rolos, and Heroes

Children that do not attend on these days can come in from 11am until 12 midday for their photograph to be taken. They must be dressed in their clothes you wish them to be photographed in, as we do not have time to change them

- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November** Heroes nativity tickets on sale. Nativity performance will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Decmeber at 2pm.
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** Parents Evening

## SAVE THE DATE



**Family Christmas Party**  
Sheldon Heath Social Club  
B26 2RJ

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 12-4pm**  
Buffet, Santa, games, face painting, disco