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**Dates for your diary**

* Friday 1st October – Staff Development Day – Nursery will be closed to all children.
* Monday 18th October – Individual School Photographs. All children must be in school uniform. Unfortunately this year, we are unable to offer family photo sessions. More details regarding the photo session will be sent out via Seesaw.
* Thursday 21st October – we will be having a visit from Musical Monkeys who will be doing music and rhymes with the children. £1 donation please which can be paid via the Eduspot app.
* Pumpkin Party – Friday 22 October. Children can wear costume or party clothes. School ends at 11:30am for Miss Cowan’s class and 11:45 am for Mrs Pollock’s class. No dinners will be served that day. School will provide the party treats.
* Half term week commencing Monday 25

October.

* Dinners will commence as follows :

Group 1 – Monday 5th October

Group 2 – Monday 12th October

Group 3 – Monday 19th October

* In light of recent DE Guidance, we will provide information re parental consultations soon.
* **Our Safeguarding Team are :**

Mrs Pollock – Designated Teacher

Mrs Ball – Chair of Governors

Mrs Magee – Governor for Child Protection

* Keep practicing handwashing and hygiene routines at home.
* **Nursery Fund** –Nursery Fund is £4 per week, £50 per term or £120 for the year. Payment via our money app.

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We are pleased to welcome our new teacher Miss Cowan to our school and we know she is looking forward to getting to know all the children and their families. All the children have settled into nursery and are having fun. If you have any concerns, please speak to Mrs Pollock or Miss Cowan.

This month our topic will be :

***‘AUTUMN’***

As Autumn approaches in school we are looking at leaves, chestnuts, acorns etc., and learning about the woodland animals. We will be exploring the colours of Autumn, doing lots of creative work with leaves and natural materials and using fruit, vegetables and of course, ‘pumpkins’ for cookery. Keep a lookout when you are out walking.

As we are planning to observe the weather, plant bulbs and play outside, it is important that every child comes to school wearing a warm coat. A pair of ‘wellies’ should be left in the cloakroom area. Please ensure these are named. At home, please practise putting shoes on independently and send your child to nursery wearing footwear with velcrose fastenings.

# Rule Regarding Sickness

**Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 must not attend nursery and should follow PHA Guidance. Please inform us.**

**We remind parents that if your child has a high temperature or has had diarrhea/vomiting, infectious diseases he/she must be kept at home for 48 hours to minimize the spread of infection within the nursery. Your child will be sent home if they are unwell.**

# Monthly Topic

# Important Items to Note

October 2021

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