



## Newsletter - Autumn 2022

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are feeling relaxed and refreshed for the Autumn term. At nursery we have had lots of fun playing outside and making the most of the beautiful weather we had over the summer months. Over the next few months, we have a whole host of fun days planned. Please make a note of these in your diary!

## Funding



Funding has now been allocated for all current 3 + year olds claiming 15 or 30 hours. For any child that has their birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> December – application forms for you applying for funding will be issued at the end of October.

Any parent that thinks they are eligible for the 30 free hours should visit the 'Children's Choices' website and

register to gain an eligibility code. For more information on pricing of funded places, please contact the nursery office. Please can we ask that all completed forms are returned to the nursery office by the return date given for processing to ensure you are eligible after the Christmas holidays.

## Absence whilst claiming 2 or 3-year-old funding

Any child in receipt of 2 or 3-year-old government funding, needs to ensure that they notify us



of any planned or unplanned absences from nursery. This is to ensure our records are correctly updated for the relevant councils that audit your child's attendance on an annual basis.

## Preparing for winter!!

In the last newsletter we were asking for sunhats and sun cream!! However, it is now time to think about ensuring your child has appropriate winter clothing with them at all times when at nursery. We would recommend that all children have wellie boots, a warm waterproof coat, puddle suit for younger children, hat, gloves and a scarf.



## Contact details

To ensure we are able to contact all parents via email. Please



can you ensure we have a least one current email address per child.

We have had a few occasions recently where:

- emails are bouncing back and parents are missing important messages.
- you have sent us an email and we have not received it. If you have sent emails and we have not replied within a few days, please follow your email up with a phone call so we can sort your query out promptly.

## Facebook page

It's lovely to see that lots of parents are following us on Facebook. This site is only used to promote the nursery and share special events with parents. Please look us up and give us a like as it's a great way of learning about what the children have been up to during the day.



## Naming items

Many children come into nursery with similar shoes, clothes and other belongings. To help staff return misplaced items to the correct person, please can we ask you all to name your child's belongings.

## Staff updates

### Melbourne site:

We welcome Anna, Mia, Diane and Emma to the Melbourne team on the permanent basis and hope that they will be very happy working at Scallywags.

### Chellaston site:

We welcome Jasmine and Chelsea who have transferred from our Melbourne site to the Chellaston team.

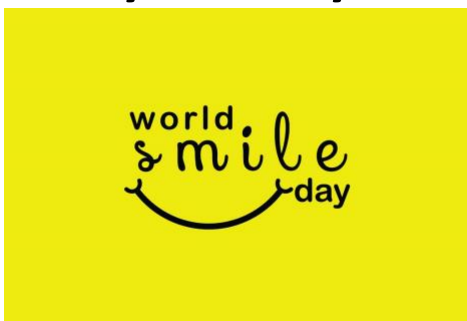
We also welcome Ayesha Mobeen and hope she will be very happy at Scallywags.

We are also very excited to announce the safe arrival of Linzey (in the office) and Scott's baby girl. Esme Rose Gretton was born on 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2.36am and they are all doing really well.

## World smile day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

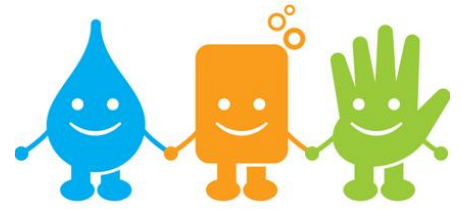
### October

Today the children will be thinking about what makes them smile. We will be discussing happiness during circle time and we ask children to bring something in from home that makes them smile to share with their friends.



## Global handwashing day – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Today the children will be learning all about the importance of good handwashing with soap. The children will be learning about germs and will play the sticky germs game using glitter. The children will also be having a go at making their own soap.



## Diwali – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Diwali is celebrated all over the world by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. It is known as the 'festival of lights' and is one of the most significant and colourful events in the religious calendar. The light is a symbol of hope and of good triumphing over evil. Today the children will be making lots of Diwali crafts and cooking some delicious Diwali.



## Pumpkin Day – Monday 31<sup>st</sup>

### October



Pumpkins are a member of the ground family, which includes cucumbers, honeydew melons, cantaloups and watermelons. Most people don't realise they are fruits and not vegetables. Today the children will be learning all about pumpkins

and how to grow them. They will be helping to scrape out the middle for Denise and Michelle to make some delicious cookies with, find and count the seeds and create their own pumpkin lantern.

## Bonfire Night – Friday 4<sup>th</sup>



## November

Today the children will be learning all about Fireman Sam's top 10 bonfire safety tips. During the day we will be looking at how to stay safe and have fun at the same time.

To celebrate this twinkly event, the children will also be making their own sparkly firework pictures.

## Road Safety week – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November



This week the children will be learning all about road safety. We will be covering walking on the pavement, identify the kerb, seeing traffic on the road, safety in the dark, walk not run and stop, look listen.

The children will be using the playground to recreate the road to practice these skills and older groups of children will be leaving site to learn about the road and safety-first hand.

## St Andrews day – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Today the children will be learning all about the patron saint of Scotland and the Scottish heritage. The children will be finding Scotland on a map, looking at all things Scottish.... the flag, the lock-ness monster, golf, to name a few and they will be creating their own family tartan.



## Christmas dates

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Melbourne Pre-school Christmas play at 2pm
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Santa sleigh around Chellaston (location to be issued)
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Santa sleigh around Chellaston (Route to be issued)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Chellaston Pre-school Christmas play at 2pm
- Wk. 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas party week both nursery sites
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Santa's sleigh around Melbourne (Route to follow)
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas dinner at both nursery sites and National Robin Day



## Christmas opening times



- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Nursery closes at 6.00pm
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 – CLOSED
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – Re-open 7.30am – 6.00pm

## Nursery Contact Details

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