

**November 2017**

**Welcome: Evelyn, Tyler, Odette**  
**Farewell: Cooper, Ava**  
**School leavers: Sonny, Eli**

### **Xmas closure dates**

We will close at 1.30pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December for a short break and reopen after New Year on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. (There is no charge for the dates that we are closed over this break.)

### **Holidays**

If your child is going to be absent from York Place please let us know. If you provide 2 weeks (or more) notice, we will give you half price fees for these days.

### **Xmas party**

We are holding our annual family Christmas party on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 11am-1.30pm. We would love to see you there.

### **Learning focus**

Further to our segment on Assessment and Learning from our last newsletter, you will be beginning to see the way we document children's learning is being modernised. Instead of a lengthy story focused on one activity, we will now be sharing a wider variety of learning experiences in smaller snapshots. These will show the progression of the individual child's learning journey and include goals for the child to extend them along with parent's aspirations.

Recently the Preschool teachers have been looking at our value of 'positive social behaviour' through taking turns, working together to achieve a common goal, and friendly behaviour.

In the Nursery the children have been exploring the garden, and engaging in lots of art and messy play activities. This relates to our learning value of 'being curious'.

Currently the Preschool is looking at 'self help, and independence' and the Nursery 'physical activity'.

Nursery children – Being curious



Preschool children – Positive social behaviour



## Positive Guidance

You may have noticed your child bringing home 'Caught being good tickets'. This is something that we began to further encourage positive behaviour. Children are given these tickets along with specific praise about the behaviours they have demonstrated.

These link in with our Preschool treaty

- We keep our bodies to ourselves
- If someone does something we do not like, we say "stop it I do not like it"
- We care for the equipment, the animals and each other
- We are all friendly

## Sunscreen and Hats

Thank you to parents that are applying sunscreen before dropping off your child. This frees up valuable time for our teaching team to focus on children's learning.

Remember to bring your child a wide brimmed sunhat to protect them from the sun, and at least one spare set of clothing. With the gorgeous weather we have had recently, the children are loving being outside and water play.

Please take some time to look through the unnamed lost property, there are lots of size 3-4 boys clothing at the moment.

## Crafts

If you have any small pinecones, empty glass baby food jars or wooden pegs you could share with us for activities that would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to the families that donated seeds or little gardens recently. The children have been having a wonderful time planting these.

