

December Newsletter

We are pleased to bring you the December newsletter, sharing with you some of the children's activities and areas of learning along with tips on how to support learning at home

A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Welcome, to our December newsletter! 🎄 We are thrilled to share the latest updates and festive cheer with you.

As Christmas draws near, Millwood House is bustling with festive preparations. You may have noticed the decorations appearing around the building, and hopefully the children have been coming home singing Christmas songs in anticipation of the Butterfly Room Christmas performance and our visit from the Salvation Army.

We are excited to welcome you all to our Nursery on December 10th for the Ladybirds' and Caterpillars' Stay and Play, along with the Butterfly Room Christmas Performance.

Santa will be in residence and is looking forward to seeing all the good girls and boys.

Join us for our first-ever Carols in the Garden on December 17th at 4:00 PM, followed by a raffle and festive games. All proceeds will go to the Salvation Army to help those less fortunate celebrate Christmas.

Please wrap up warm and bring your best singing voices!

Raffle tickets are now on sale at 50p each or £2.00 for a strip of five. Please save your coins to purchase tickets from Sharon or Tina. A list of available prizes will be included at the end of this newsletter.

Best Wishes
Sharon Avery, Nursery Manager & Tina Evans, Deputy Manager

A MESSAGE FROM TINA

Thank you to Sharon for making the Poppies we sold for Remembrance Day. We have made £100.00 for the British Legion.

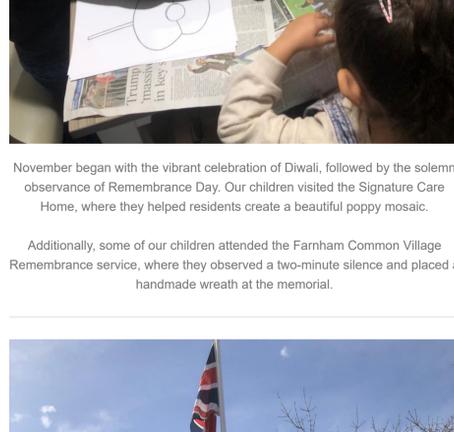
We are reassured the infection is under control and is improving daily. We are all thinking of him during this time and wish him a speedy recovery.

Sharon will be acting Room Leader in his absence. We appreciate your understanding and support as we make necessary adjustments to ensure the continued care and education of your children.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



A LOOK BACK AT NOVEMBER

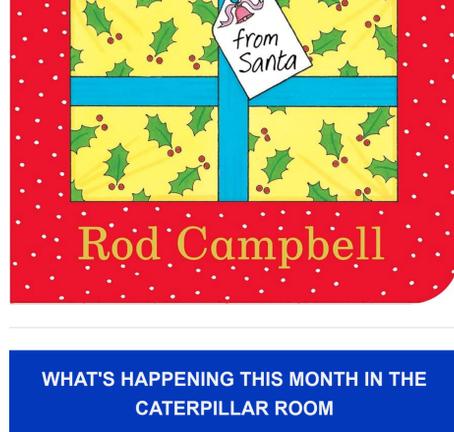


November began with the vibrant celebration of Diwali, followed by the solemn observance of Remembrance Day. Our children visited the Signature Care Home, where they helped residents create a beautiful poppy mosaic.

Additionally, some of our children attended the Farnham Common Village Remembrance service, where they observed a two-minute silence and placed a handmade wreath at the memorial.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE LADYBIRD ROOM



Winter and Christmas

The Babies will have a winter themed sensory tray, make snowman pictures, and decorate snowflakes.

They will be reading "Dear Santa" by Rod Campbell and enjoying all the Christmas Celebrations.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM



Winter and Christmas

The Caterpillars will be exploring the frozen outside, looking at winter leaves, spider webs and puddles. They will also enjoy ice painting, fake snow, and talking about how to keep warm.

They will be reading "The Little Reindeer" by Caroline Repchuk



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM

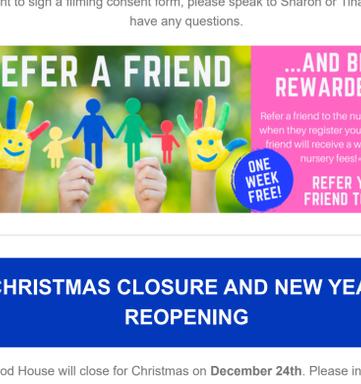


Winter and Christmas

The Butterfly Room will have seasonal winter vegetables in the market place which we will use to make soup for tea asking the children which vegetables we should use.

The children will have an Arctic Animals tuff tray with ice and ice skating Happyland.

They will be reading "Stick Man" by Julia Donaldson



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME

Support your child's learning at home by talking about winter clothing and the importance of staying warm in the winter. Go on winter walks and talk about the changes in the environment caused by the weather, try to use a variety of descriptive words, this will help your child's communication skills and introduce new words.

Please be reminded of the importance of not wearing coats in car seats, if you are worried your child will get cold in their car seat lay their coat over them once they are strapped into the seat like a blanket.

Winter Coats and Car Seats

Winter coats help keep kids safe and warm outside, but can endanger them while riding in car or booster seats.

CORRECT	INCORRECT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ DO dress your child in a well-fitted fleece. ✓ DO lay a blanket over a child's legs for added warmth, but never near a child's face. ✓ DO make sure straps are tight and chest clip is positioned at the armpit level. Harness straps should be at or above the child's shoulders for a forward-facing seat and at or below the shoulders for a rear-facing seat. ✓ DO keep children rear-facing as long as possible, until they reach the upper height and weight limits of the car seat. ✓ DO be sure the car seat doesn't move more than one inch from side to side and front to back. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ DO NOT dress your child in a thick coat. ✗ DO NOT put a blanket under your child's body or between your child's body and the harness straps. ✗ DO NOT have loose straps. You shouldn't be able to pinch together any of the harness strap fabric. ✗ DO NOT add attachments to a car seat. Only use equipment that comes in the original car seat box. ✗ DO NOT fasten the chest clip too high or low on the child's chest.

To make sure your child is correctly fitted in a car seat, visit www.safemobilityproject.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 December 2024 - Ladybirds' and Caterpillars' Stay and Play – Parents can come into the Nursery between 9.30am-11.00am for a stay and play and a visit from Santa.

10 December 2024 - Butterflies Christmas performance. Children to arrive at 2pm for 2.30pm start. After the show there will be a visit from Santa. Please let us know if you will be attending, we allocate 2 tickets per family, if you need extra tickets, please speak to a member of staff to request more and we will let you know closer to the date if we can accommodate the extra tickets

We will be filming the Butterfly Room performance and will be asking each parent to sign a filming consent form, please speak to Sharon or Tina if you have any questions.

REFER A FRIEND

...AND BE REWARDED

Refer a friend to the nursery and when they register you and your friend will receive a week free nursery fees!

ONE WEEK FREE!

REFER YOUR FRIEND TODAY!

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE AND NEW YEAR REOPENING

Millwood House will close for Christmas on **December 24th**. Please inform the staff of your child's last day of attendance. This will help us ensure your child brings home all their festive work to share with you and allows us to allocate extra staff annual leave so that as many of our team as possible can share this magical time with their families.

Millwood House will reopen at 8.00am on **January 2nd 2025**

LIST OF RAFFLES PRIZES

Christmas train set and Christmas story, Toy Hamper, Pamper Hamper, Lego car, cut and blow dry at Abstract Hair, £20 Temptation Voucher, Hollywood Bow (bowling for 4), Indoor Karting for 2 (2 prizes of this), Harringtons Hairdressers voucher for £75, £25 Groom Florist voucher, Spa Gift Bag, Family ticket to Bekonscot Model Village, Jump in Voucher for 1, £30 nail voucher, Adventure Golf for 6, Durans Breakfast for 2, £30 Royal Oak Voucher, Wine from Laithwaites.