



Pre-School Newsletter November 2020

We hope you had a lovely Half Term break. The next few weeks during the "Lockdown" we will continue as normal at WUFA. The only exception being we have made a few changes to drop off and pick up procedures:

Drop off:

- One adult only
- Parents to adhere to social distancing and where possible line up on the pavement. We can not obstruct the road and other pedestrians.
- Children to arrive with:
 - Labelled water bottle
 - Labelled lunch box (If required)
 - Appropriate outdoor warm clothing (Labelled hat and mittens)
 - Home School link book if you have a message
- Children's back packs will need to stay at WUFA, we will let you know when they need replenishing. Please ensure it contains the following:
 - change of clothes
 - nappies if required (not pull ups)
 - wipes

Pick up:

- One adult
- Parents to adhere to social distancing and please line up on the pavement
- Children will come out to you with their lunch box and drinks bottle (All bags will remain at WUFA)

We do appreciate it can sometimes take us a little longer to get the children out to you safely and appreciate your understanding. We are also aware you may not have as much contact as normal with your child's keyperson but as communication is so important we are looking at ways around this. In the meantime, if you would like to talk to them please email the office and we can arrange a call back/outside meeting.

As mentioned in various emails WUFA is a Charity and as such we have suffered financially during this Pandemic. To safeguard the Charity moving forwards and ensure we can continue to provide good affordable childcare the entire team have reduced their hours and we have very sadly had to make two of our team redundant. It has not been easy as we are a tight team and we pride ourselves on staff retention. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michele who some of you know from Pre-School and After School Club. Michele has been



with us for years and will be missed. Thank you also to Tracey who joined us in After School club just before we shut down back in March.

Thanks for reading and your continued support during these trying times,

Kate and all the team @ WUFA.

Christmas Cards:

A fantastic fundraising opportunity for us. With Christmas just around the corner we are full steam ahead. The children have been busy making their Christmas artwork. For Christmas cards this year we are using a company who specialise in Cards for Schools. Every order you place WUFA raises a small amount of money! Every child should now have brought their artwork home, orders must be completed by the Tuesday 10th November. When you have completed your order online please return the art work to WUFA and we deal with the rest!

Bags2School:

We are having a bag to School collection on Monday 30th November. If you have any unwanted items such as clothing, soft toys, household linen. Due to COVID restrictions we can only accept these bags on the actual collection day and please place all the items in your own bin liners. Full information was sent out by email earlier this week if you did not receive this or would like another copy please do let us know. This is another great way for WUFA to raise more funds. The heavier the bag the more we receive!

Christmas Events:

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions we are unable to hold any Christmas events that parents can attend so we will be having a Christmas party for the children instead. We are working on the finer details for this and aim to get the date to you as soon as possible.

On a personal note as manager, we are unable to celebrate the end of this tricky term by taking the team out for a meal. Having thought long and hard we will be hosting a meal for the team here in the WUFA building which is within guidelines. Quite often at the end of term you as parents give wonderful boxes of biscuits. Thinking outside the box...if you were going to give us anything this year we would really appreciate anything that we could use at the Christmas dinner which will be on the 11th December. Such as cheese biscuits, cheese, napkins, crackers, mints, drinks, party games, flowers, candles. Endless list and hugely appreciated!



This Term at WUFA: All about me

We continue with this theme over the coming weeks and the children will be enjoying a wealth of activities and learning opportunities such as:

- Celebrations - Remembrance Sunday, Diwali, World Science day
- Bonfire Night activities
- Making Poppies and learning about Armistice Day
- Clay modelling
- All things Christmas

November Stories of the week:

- 2nd We're going on a Bear hunt
9th Monkey Puzzle
16th Stickman
23rd The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud
30th Aliens love Pantaclaous

Phonics:

We continue to bring phonics into everyday learning at WUFA. This week in our main group times which is split into relevant age groups, we have been listening for rhyming words. Next week we will be looking at the different sounds that the different words begin with. Every keyperson will also plan appropriate phonic activities relevant to their children's interest and ability.

If you would like to purchase the Jolly Phonics it can be found on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Jolly-Phonics-Workbooks-1-7-Precursive/dp/1870946502/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=Jolly+phonic&qid=1604583195&sr=8-3





Home Learning Ideas:

Look at Rhyming words around the house, for example:

- House, Mouse
- Cat, Mat
- Door, Floor

For those that are creative (and time) could you draw a large version of the first letter of their name and decorate it. We can then put them up on display.



Armistice Day 2020

Every poppy makes a difference to the lives of our Armed Forces community.

Like so many things this year, the Poppy Appeal has had to adapt to the threat of Covid-19. We are calling on the public to support us like never before, because every poppy counts.

As millions of people across the UK are now unable to leave their homes to find a poppy, and with collectors unable to carry out face to face collections, we've unveiled a range of new ways for people to show their support remotely.

From donating for poppies through the post for your neighbours and local community, displaying a poppy in your window, donating online or undertaking a virtual Poppy run, there are many ways to support the Poppy Appeal from home in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

Please follow this link to donate and receive your printed Poppy to display and colouring sheet for children.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

