

WUFA

Pre-School

Newsletter November 2017

Welcome back and we hope you had a lovely half-term break!

This term can be very busy with lots of events during the Christmas build up. Expect the glitter to start soon! At the end of last term our "Early Christmas Raffle" tickets went on sale and the draw date for this is Thursday 30th November. A full list of prizes can be found on our outside display cabinet, front door and Facebook. If you would like more tickets to sell on to friends/family, please ask! If you do not require your tickets please pop them into the box in our front hall and we can re-sell them.

Thank you to everyone that was able to come to our Movie and Prosecco night at the Social Club. It was a great success and WUFA made £180. Thank you so much to the committee for organising it.



What we are doing for the next few weeks:

This week we will be looking at "Bonfire Night" with the children and hopefully making some rockets and glitter pictures! Next week we will be making poppies and on Friday will take our pictures/poppies to the newly refurbished St Mary Magdalene Church in Woodstock. This will be a lovely learning opportunity for the children and will enable them to meet people in our local community. If you would like to join us please let us know!

Our focus story for the next two weeks is the Little Red Hen. This is a lovely story that teaches the children all about sharing and how to be kind.

Update on staffing:

Due to a change in personal circumstances, Claire is no longer with us. We wish her well and look forward to her coming to visit us, with a possibility of her temping for us in the future. We are pleased to welcome June back in a full-time capacity which is really wonderful as she is a key member of the team. The lovely Sue who worked for WUFA a few years ago is also coming back on a Thursday and a Friday on a temporary basis!

Each child's Keyperson/buddy is responsible for their child's individual Learning Journey and planning whilst at WUFA. If your child has any particular interests, please do let us know so we can incorporate it into their planning.

Parents evening and cheese and Wine night. (Weds 1st November)

Thank you to those that joined us for this opportunity to talk about your child's learning, meet the team and committee last night. We hope that next time more will come as there was a lot of wine and cheese to get through! A special thanks to our team of staff some of which worked a 12 hour day and stayed late for this evening, your commitment and dedication is appreciated.

Outdoor play at WUFA:

Now the weather is cooling down, please ensure all children come to WUFA dressed appropriately with clearly labelled warm clothes/boots and a spare set in their bags. (Any unlabelled clothes will be marked by us or put in lost property)

Important information from the Oxfordshire County Council Funding team:

Is your child 3 years old before 31 December 2017? Now is the time to check if you are eligible for 30 hours childcare. All 3-year olds children receive 15 hours childcare per week (term time). Children of working parents may be eligible for an additional 15 hours. Visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk now to find out if this applies to you. If you don't apply before 31 December you will have to wait until April 2018 to take up your additional hours.

If you are already benefiting from the 30 hours don't forget to re-validate your eligibility every 3 months via your online childcare service account.

Dates for your diary and information on upcoming events

November	
7th Tuesday	Pre-School visit to the Library
10 th Friday	Trip to the Church with our poppies
13 th Monday	7.30 pm Annual General Meeting

Useful Contact numbers, emails, links

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Important Notices

(Full Terms can be found in our Welcome & Information Pack)

ILLNESS:

An ill child does not enjoy their session with us and can spread illness to others. Please do not send your child if they have an infectious illness. A child with sickness and diarrhoea must be completely clear of symptoms for 48 hours before returning to any session. Any regular/essential medication needs to be discussed with the Manager if it may need administering during their session time. Please remember to call or email us to let us know that your child will not be attending their booked session.

SAFETY & SECURITY:

The main doors to our buildings are kept locked during session time. The Wufa garden has secure fencing and the children are only allowed outside with supervision. Children will only be sent home with the nominated carer. If someone else is to collect your child, please notify the session Supervisor. Fire drills are practised regularly throughout the year and indoor and outdoor safety checks carried out daily.

PARKING AND ENTRANCE GATES:

If you are coming to Wufa in your car, please park responsibly. Do not park in Recreation Road as residents do not like their driveways blocked. Please do not park in the primary school grounds. Please can you ensure that you close the gate when arriving or leaving the building. This will help to keep the children away from the road and any traffic.

INVOICES & ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Invoices are sent via email monthly please email office@wufa.co.uk from the account you wish to receive it. If you wish to receive a paper copy please make it known to the office. Please see our prospectus for full Terms of Business.

ALLERGIES: We have a list of current allergens from the Food Standards Agency that can be found in certain foods. This list can be found by our front door. If your child has an allergy or changing dietary requirements, please inform WUFA management via the office@wufa.co.uk.

PASSWORD & COLLECTION: If your child is being collected by someone else you MUST inform WUFA office on 01993 810044 or Email: office@wufa.co.uk.

MBL PHONES & HAND HELD EQUIPMENT: WUFA premises and School is a MBL and internet free zone. Parents/carers/children found to be using such devices will be asked to leave immediately.

FACEBOOK: Is regularly updated, look up "Woodstock Under Fives" and "Like" our page for regular updates.

Follow this link to check your eligibility for 15 hour and 30 hour funding

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Funded 2's eligibility checker: <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/twoyearoldfunding>

Early Years Pupil Premium: <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/eyp>



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