



Mighty Oaks Little Acorns Ltd

Care and Education for Children 0 to 5 years

"Tall Oaks from Little Acorns Grow" David Everett 1769 - 1813



Mighty Oaks Autumn Term Newsletter

December 2020



Christmas Events

It's been a really tricky year and we want to keep celebrating when we can. Therefore we will be holding various events for the children to take part in.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December donations to

Save the Children  Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Party – Monday 14th December and Thursday 17th December, please join us in wearing Christmas jumpers, party clothes or fancy dress for lots of Christmas fun and games.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December, we would like to hold a Christmas lunch for the children. To do this you will not need to provide a packed lunch on this day however we would ask if you could provide £1 to cover the cost.

Carol Concert - We will be making a video of our Carol Concert as we can't hold one altogether. Permission forms will be sent out shortly.

Last Day of Term Friday 18th December – we all finish at 12pm.

Covid-19

When dropping off and collecting your children please can everyone wear a face covering when on nursery premises, although this is not mandatory we feel that it is additional step that we can take to keep us all safe and the nursery open. Staff will be wearing a face shield at the door so that we are able to support the children to come in directly from parents/carers if required. We will remove face shields when inside with the children as the transmission rates between children and adults is low. As always, the safety and welfare of our children, families and staff is our priority. If you have any concerns or questions, please do speak to us.

Seedlings

We have been enjoying sensory play and exploring foods through cooking and play. We have been searching for bugs outside and have found lots of worms.

Acorns

We have been enjoying being creative and exploring paint and making playdough. We have been practicing our scissor control and using tools for a purpose.

Oaks

We have enjoyed using our construction room, building our own monuments and landmarks of the world. We have been learning about other countries and cultures, their way of life and languages.

Contact Details

Please can you ensure that we have your up-to-date contact details – mobile numbers /address etc.

Family Photographs

Could you please bring in or email some family photos for our room displays.

Send them to:

managemightyoakslittleacorns1@gmail.com

Nursery T-shirts

Available to buy at a great price, children's £5 each or 3 for £12. We have hoodie's available; these are olive green with the Mighty Oaks Little Acorns logo on and can be bought for £10. They are lovely! Please let us know if you would like to order any.

Illnesses

Covid-19 Signs and symptoms.

If your child is showing any signs or symptoms of Covid-19, including a **high temperature, a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours or a **loss or change to sense of smell or taste** – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal then you must **stay at home** and seek medical advice.

Learning Journals

At the end of term we will be sending home your child's learning journal to have a look through over the holidays. If you would like to add your own comments on your adventures over the holidays, please feel free to write or add photos. Please ensure that you always **return the learning journals** so we can continue to add to them.

Packed lunches

It is important for children to receive a balanced and varied diet. When making your child's lunch, please bear in mind **not to pack them any chocolate bars, chocolate biscuits, chocolate spread or sweets.**

Some ideas you could try are;

Wraps with egg mayonnaise, cheese spread and ham/chicken.

Bagels with cream cheese or tuna mayonnaise.

Some vegetables such as carrot sticks, cucumber, peppers.

Fruit, fresh or dried like apricots and apple rings.

For more inspiration visit <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

We are now providing snacks for the children to eat.

We are starting some cooking sessions which we will be filming then and sharing on Facebook.

Reminders

Funded hours –

Don't forget to apply for or re-new your 30 hour codes. More information on any funding you may be eligible for look at the childcare choices website.

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

Suitable and spare clothing – Please pack some spare clothes for your child, we do sometimes get a little bit messy.

Facebook and Reviews

If you have a spare few minutes, we would love a review. We have spaces for new children join us, if you know anyone who might be interested do let us know. Thank You.

Choking in children

In London recently there has been a terrible accident where a child choked on a sausage.

Please can you ensure that your child's food are cut correctly to keep them safe, this includes cutting grapes in half top to bottom, cherry tomatoes, olives, sausages,. Beware of items such as marshmallows and thick sticky nut spreads that you may have at home.



Thank you

This year has been full of unexpected challenges and we cannot thank you all enough for being so supportive of all the different changes and procedures.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dates for your diary

We return on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Activity at Home – Making cards and sending letters.

As we are unable to see those close to us as much as we would like, a way to keep in touch and spread some kindness is by writing and drawing letters or cards.

You will need, paper or card, envelopes, pens/pencils, crayons, paint and envelopes.

Maybe you could make some cards to send for Christmas or to just say hello.

