

## Nursery Newsletter 9 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Dear Families,**

So, here we are already into our next half term! We have lots of lovely activities and experiences planned for the coming weeks as the season changes and we march closer to Christmas.

This week, the children have come back into Nursery so well. It has been lovely to hear about all of their holiday adventures. We have already been so busy here. The week started with quite a shock- the children could not believe that the Very Hungry Caterpillar had been in and eaten up all of our snack! Luckily, Mrs Buckley was able to find some more, but the children have checked the fruit bowl each morning every day since, just to be on the safe side.

On Thursday, Katie from Asda and Mr Parker invited us to a fruit tasting session in our Specialist Practical room. The children tried lots of different fruits, including a sharan fruit or persimmon. It was not a very popular fruit, but the watermelon was definitely a firm favourite. Well done to all of the children for trying new things and having a go. True Little Harrier spirit! Katie will be back soon as we make fruit salads to support our Talk for Writing activities.

Talking of the Very Hungry Caterpillar, the children had great fun making their own this week. You may have noticed them sitting next to our registration area. The children are very proud of their creations. They have spent time helping to create a story map for the tale during our Talk for Writing sessions this week and really impressed Mrs Blackshaw and Mrs Buckley with a near perfect retelling on Thursday! The children are fabulous at remembering all of the fruits and they can also remember the days of the week in the right order, using their Days of the Week song to help them if they get a little stuck at any point. Next week, we are going to think about how we might change the story. Watch this space!

We have recently been notified of our next Department for Education (Dfe) visit which will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. As a new school, we do not have an Ofsted until the third year of opening which will be next academic year so in the meantime, the Dfe visit to ensure that everything is on track for the school to be at least good at its first inspection. Our External Expert for this visit is Mr George Bulman and he will spend the day viewing the teaching and learning of the whole school, chatting to the children, checking safeguarding procedures and looking at the children's books. The report that is produced is not a public document unlike an Ofsted report and is only shared with the Governors and the Trust (REACH2), however, we will share the main findings of the day with you via our newsletter. We are very much looking forward to showing all we have achieved so far with the children and all the things we are doing.

**Open Events:** As previously mentioned, we have our Open Events coming up very soon, please see below. These are for prospective parents for both Nursery and Reception class 2020. Please do spread the word about these. Your recommendation is the best advertisement we could have!

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9:30-10:30am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 6-7pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1:30-2:30pm

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**Christmas Cards for you to order:** Before half term, the children designed some lovely Christmas cards that can be made into actual cards for you to order and send to your friends and family. It's another fundraising initiative for the school as we receive a small percentage of all sales while giving parents a chance to send a very personalised Christmas card in the upcoming season. Please see the details of how you can order on the sample card that is enclosed with the newsletter today. If you wish to order any cards, please return your order with the payment to school by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

Just a reminder that next Friday (15<sup>th</sup> Nov) we will be celebrating Children in Need day at nursery. Our cook, Miss Karina, will be baking special Pudsey bear biscuits which the children can buy at snacktime for £1. The children are also invited to wear their own clothes for a £1 donation towards the charity. This is a great way for our children to show care and concern for others and give support to those who are less fortunate. On the subject of thinking of others, our new Harrier value for this half term is Respect. Birdie has been looking out for someone who has shown this value, not just towards others but also to our nursery toys and resources. He was very impressed with one Little Harrier who has helped to look after things and has also given a helping hand to others. This week, he will be going home with Shiva for the weekend. Well done, Shiva-have fun!

Wishing you all a wonderful and hopefully less rainy weekend,

Mrs Blackshaw and Mrs Buckley

### Fruit Tasting



Our very own Hungry Caterpillars

