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## November 2017 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

The children have settled in well and are developing good relationships with their key person and other familiar adults in the room. They are becoming more confident which has enabled them to explore a variety of activities and to start to make friends with other children.

We enjoyed talking with you at the recent parent consultation meetings and sharing your child's learning journal. If you have not yet met with your child's key person then please make an appointment to see them as soon possible.

Best wishes

Catherine



Nursery children have been exploring the texture of cloud dough, using such words as slimy, squishy and cold to describe what they can feel.



Children in Pre-school have been making soup. They have learnt lots of new words such as pumpkin, chop, cut and seeds.

### **New Office Manager**



This term we have welcomed Samem Morris to our school office team. Samem has previously worked in a school and therefore has a wealth of experience which she able to use and develop in her new role at Arlesdene.



We all have a responsibility to keep children safe. Please remember to check your speed particularly around the area of our school. Children can easily step out between parked cars when we are not expecting them to. It is the driver's speed that will determine whether they can stop in time and, if they cannot stop, how hard they may hit the child.

Please also remember to hold your child's hand when you leave the school building. Children are unpredictable and may run into the road before they can be stopped.

The school gate is to protect children from running into the road. Please keep your own and other children safe by ensuring you close the gate when you enter and leave the building.

## Congratulations!

Claire, our Nursery Teacher has recently achieved the National Award for SEN (Special Educational Needs) Co-ordination which means that Arlesdene is an Accredited SENCo School.

Claire has worked extremely hard to achieve this award which is at Masters Level. As a result of her participating in the course Claire developed and extended her own knowledge of supporting children with special needs. She has also shared this with staff and the parents of the children with whom she works.

Well done Claire.



### Magic moments with your child

Please remember to send any 'magic moments' to [nurserymagicmoments@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk](mailto:nurserymagicmoments@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk) (for Nursery parents) or [magicmoments@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk](mailto:magicmoments@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk) (for Pre-school parents) so that they can be added to your child's learning journal. If you are unable to email please tell your child's key person. These may include something that your child has said or experienced when they are with you. It may also be something new that they have learnt.

### What you need to know about our Christmas activities in Nursery



#### SAVE THE DATES

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Workshop & Jumper day** – Children are helped to make a variety of Christmas decorations and have a visit to see Father Christmas. **All children need to be supported by their parent or other adult family member**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Nativity for Nursery children at Cheshunt Free Church** – parents and family are welcome. We ask that parents/carers bring their child to meet us at the Church on the morning or afternoon of their child's usual nursery session.

***More detailed information will be available nearer the time***

### Farm to Fork



The children in nursery have had monthly visits from two members of staff from Tesco's. They have encouraged the children to taste different foods and talked about eating healthily.



Please note that our staff will be attending Paediatric First Aid training on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 therefore the children will not return for the new term until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**Nursery and Pre-school are closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December for our Occasional day**

### School Fund contribution **£12** per term



We ask that parents contribute £12 per term to the cost of children's snack and activities such as cooking. If you have not given a contribution this term then please give your money to Lorraine in the school office.

### Hertfordshire County Council Admissions

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2019/20 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

#### The proposed changes are:

1. To amend the wording and definition of 'Rule 5 - Nearest School' to include all schools and academies (regardless of status) unless that school or academy prioritises applications and allocates places on the basis of faith.
2. To include reference to the Shared Anti-Fraud Service in the definitions section in cases of fraudulent address verification.
3. To reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) of Watton-at-Stone Primary School from 34 to 30. (you should only include this point if you are a school located in the relevant area of Hertford and Ware)

**The consultation period runs until 5 January 2018. Please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019) for more information and to respond online.**

**Forthcoming diary dates**

Date	Time	Event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2017		Nursery Children Visit Cheshunt Free Church
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>		<b>Occasional Day – WE ARE CLOSED</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2017		Christmas Workshop and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		Nursery Nativity at Cheshunt Free Church
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017		Pre-school Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017		Pre-school Christmas celebrations
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 8.45am – 11.45am only		Last Day of Term – All Nursery Children attend for the morning session. Storytelling and party. – NURSERY IS <b>CLOSED IN THE AFTERNOON</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018		Nursery and Pre-school children return to school