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Preschool Monthly Newsletter

One term down already, and time is flying by! The children have had a great start to their preschool journey, and a massive thank you to everyone who attended the parents' meetings and our first Stay and Play. Your involvement truly matters! A big thank you to our wonderful parents for contributing to Diwali – it's important for us that children experience various celebrations and cultures. They've loved learning about this vibrant festival! As we head into half-term, we hope you have a lovely break. Please remember to share any fun activities on Tapestry; we adore seeing what the children get up to! Thanks for being such an integral part of our preschool community! Thank you for all the wonderful donations we have received this term with your help we were able to buy cooking ingredients, new resources and helmets for the bikes and scooters. If you would like to contribute next term, please feel free to via either bank transfer or cash.



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Tapestry

Tapestry is a wonderful place for us to share our learning, please share photos of what you get up to during the weekend – we share these photos on our touch screen, and the children love to talk about their home experiences. Please also feel free to comment and like any of your child's observations.

Phonics

We have selected the 'Little Wandle' scheme at Barford Preschool, if you would like more information on this please go to:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Sound Of the Week:

Week 1: s

Week 2: a

Week 3: t

Week 4: p

Library Days

Our set library days are Mondays & Wednesdays; your child will be invited to take a book home. We love to promote reading; we are so excited to share our love for reading with you all. Please only bring your child's book back on your child's set day this helps us keep on track who has brought their book back. **Your child will only receive a book if you return the one, they have borrowed.**

November-December Dates:

Reception Open Day: Tuesday 4th November & Friday 21st November

For more information on our open days please ring the school office to book a slot to come and view our amazing primary school!

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 7th November

In exchange for a non-uniform day, we are kindly asking children to bring in a bar of chocolate for our tombola no matter how big or small the bar is it is all part of the game!

Bonfire Display: Saturday 8th November 5:00pm

Please come along to see our firework display which will be held on the main school field, this is a ticket only event. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please do so via the village shop.

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Monday 1st December: Stay & Play Session 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Another stay and play session! This is for Monday PM parents only. If you cannot make it we welcome other family members to join!

Thursday 4th December: Hatton Country World

Our first trip is booked for the academic year! We are off to Hatton Country World, please remember to pay the amount stated on the letter to secure your child's space!

Friday 12th December: Preschool Nativity 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Please join us to watch your child in their first nativity, we allow 2 chairs per family, but you can of course bring along more family members as there will be plenty of space for standing. Our nativity will start at 2:00pm followed by a party to celebrate.

Bible Story: Jonah and the Big Fish

'Jonah and the big fish is a biblical story about a prophet named Jonah who ran away from God's instructions and was swallowed by a big fish for three days and nights. God first told Jonah to go to the city of [Nineveh](#) and tell the people to stop doing bad things, but Jonah didn't want to, so he got on a boat to get away. A storm came, and the sailors realized Jonah was the reason, so they threw him into the sea. God saved him by having a big fish swallow him, and from inside, Jonah prayed. After three days, God made the fish spit Jonah onto dry land.'

Topic: 'All Around the World'

We are kindly asking for your input for our next topic, we are going to focus on a different country for each week! The first week back we are going to focus on England! Please bring back the sheets we gave out just before half term to help us decide which countries to focus on!

Payment Reminder

A kind reminder to ensure you have paid for the Christmas trip to Hatton Country World and childcare payments. Payments will be checked during the first week of half term.

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Makaton Signs



We love to incorporate Makaton into our setting, we have been learning different Makaton signs a week.

Quiet.

IMPORTANT INSET DATES, PLEASE TAKE FOLLOWING NOTE ON OUR CLOSED DATES BELOW.

- Monday 05th January – Closed
- Monday 1st June – Closed
- Monday 20st July – Closed

Reminders:

- I will send out reminders but please ensure you record down important dates which are listed in this newsletter.
- **Last day of term: Friday 19th December**
- Please feel free to bring in a family photo for our display board, as well as the family tree sheets.
- Please ensure you have named all items of clothing including jumpers/cardigans/trousers/coats ect. **These items are extremely hard to locate if they are not named.**
- As the weather is getting colder it may be a good idea to ensure your child has a coat, hat and gloves as we go out in all weathers. Please ensure all items are labelled. Mitton gloves are preferred.

Miss Richards,
Preschool Manager.