

**Newsletter Issue 17- November 2015**

**Welcome**

A big welcome to Esme, Ella-Mai, April, Isla, Ellie, Seth, Darcy, Zara and Laurence who have all recently joined us at Caerleon

**Happy Birthday**



**November**

Happy birthday to Ellie, Javontae, Wilhelmina, Joshua, Elijah and Tommy who will all be celebrating their birthdays during November

**December**

Happy birthday to Luca, Riley, Iris, Esme, Ella-Mai, Max, Amy and Jenson L who will all be celebrating their birthdays during December

**What's happening?**

**Lumiere Photography**

We have Lumiere photography coming in to take professional photos of the children on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December during the morning, if your child is not in on this day and you would like for their photo to be taken please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

**Children in need**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a pyjama day at Caerleon Child Care; We will be collecting money for Children in need as suggested donation of £1.

**Christmas Family day**

Our Christmas family day will be held this year on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am-1.00pm, we hope that you are all able to make it.

### **Christmas appeal**

We have been in contact with the Bristol food bank and are starting a Christmas appeal for them. They are looking for donations to make Christmas hampers for families in need. Please see below a list of non-perishable items that they are asking for:

- Chocolates (Tins, Boxes, Bars)
- Boxes of biscuits
- Sweets
- Christmas Puddings
- Christmas cakes
- Mince Pies
- Custard
- Stuffing
- Tinned Meat
- Gravy
- Toiletries gift packs for adults of children
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned or Long life desserts
- Baby Products
- Fruit Juice cartons
- Savoury snacks (nuts, crisps, crackers ect)

We will be collecting items until Friday 4th December. Any donations will be gratefully received.

### **Staff news**

I hope that you will all join me in welcoming:

Rachel Hollyman who has recently joined us at Caerleon, Rachel will be completing her NVQ level 2 with us and is currently working between ages. Rachel has previous experience of working in a childcare setting and is keen to continue this line of work whilst gaining her qualification

Leonie Hunter who will be joining us over the next couple of weeks, Leonie has an NVQ level 3 and lots of early years experience.

Sophie Thomas who will be starting with us on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Sophie has a Btec Diploma level 3 in early years and a wealth of experience within the childcare sector.

Sadly Rosie Macgillivray will be leaving us at Caerleon at the end of November, Rosie is moving on to explore new challenges, we are currently recruiting for a new room leader in the 2-3 year ole room.

**Curriculum and planning**

**During November our theme is Being Healthy**

**We will also be celebrating Diwali the festival of light**

| <b><u>Some of the activities offered in Pre-school</u></b> | <b><u>What will we learn?</u></b>               |
|--|---|
| Mr Greedy Game   | healthy and unhealthy foods                     |
| exercise class   | looking at the effects of exercise on your body |
| fruit kebabs   | importance of healthy foods                     |
| Healthy taste exploration                                  | exploring new foods                             |
| Diwali day lanterns  | looking at different ways of life               |
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| <b><u>Some of the activities offered in Nursery room 2-3</u></b> | <b><u>What will we learn</u></b>                  |
|--|---|
| salt dough candle lights   | Diwali Hindu lights                               |
| Henna/patterns on hand outlines                                  | looking at cultures and patterns                  |
| making fruit kebabs  | learning about different fruits                   |
| dancing and exercise games in the party rooms                    | movement, positions, dance moves and instructions |

| <b><u>Some of the activities offered in baby and toddler room</u></b> | <b><u>What will we experience</u></b>      |
|---|--|
| Exotic fruit tasting  | experience new tastes                      |
| Vegetable printing  | Creating marks                             |
| Making a healthy plate  | Making choices                             |
| Matching fruit and vegetable games                                    | recognising different fruit and vegetables |

**During December our theme is: Winter and Christmas**

| <b><u>Some of the activities offered in Pre-school</u></b> | <b><u>What will we learn?</u></b>   |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Kwanzaa ribbon dancing                                     | learning that everyone is different |
| Christmas cards  | thinking about someone special      |
| Melted snowman   | looking at how things happen        |
| Discussions about how we can help people                   | learning about new feelings         |
| salt dough decorations                                     | manipulating materials              |

| <u>Some of the activities offered in Nursery room 2-3</u> | <u>What will we learn</u>            |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| making Christmas cards                                    | making marks with different textures |
| making Decorations  | how to create and mould salt dough   |
| making snowman  | talking about different weathers     |
| making Christmas crowns                                   | creating using different media       |

| <u>Some of the activities offered in baby and toddler room</u> | <u>What will we experience</u>  |
|--|---|
| Christmas cards  | making marks by ourselves   |
| ice play   | experiencing cold weather   |
| making gingerbread   | developing fine motor skills and enjoying achieving our own creations |
| putting our hats coats boots and gloves on                     | to encourage to help with dressing routine                            |

## **Reminders**

### **Clothes**

Please can we remind parents to label children's clothes that children bring to nursery with them. It is a lot easier for staff to locate misplaced clothes this way

### **Wellies**

Could all parents/carers please remember to bring in wellies for garden play, the children do access the garden in all weathers and we do not keep spare wellies at Caerleon

### **Preschool parents**

Please remember to take your child's book bag home, there is a new "homework" sheet in there each week that relates to the letters and sounds activities taking place in preschool

## **Recommendations**

A big thank you to all the parents and carers that have taken time to write a review for us on the internet. We feel that it is very beneficial to prospective parents to see what our current parent really think about Caerleon Child Care. If you have not yet written a recommendation and would like to, you can use the websites listed below:

[www.netmums.co.uk](http://www.netmums.co.uk)

[www.daynurseries.co.uk](http://www.daynurseries.co.uk)

There are also recommendation cards in the entrance hall if you would rather write by hand.