

**Newsletter Issue 23 – November 2016**

**Welcome**

A big welcome to Sienna, Lenny, Imogen, Iola, Jhamal, Pheobe, Charlie and Zeva who have all recently joined us at Caerleon Child Care.

**Happy Birthday**



**November**

Happy Birthday to Nina, Payton, Rhys and Savannah who will be celebrating their birthdays during November.

**December**

Happy Birthday to Imogen, Luca, Jack, Esme, George, Max and Ella-Mai who will be celebrating their birthdays during December.

**What's happening?**

**Ofsted**

Our new inspection was carried out Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, we are pleased to announce we have retained our rating of Good.

Each parent will be given a copy of the report within the next few days and if anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime

**Children in Need**

This November the children will be encouraged to take part in a sponsored toddler waddle around the area dressed in their pyjamas. All money collected will be donated to Children in Need. Details of this event will be coming soon.



### **Diwali**

Throughout the first week of November the children at Nursery will be learning about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of lights.

### **Photographs**

Tempest photography will be visiting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016. If your child does not attend nursery on a Friday but you wish to come in for a photo session please see Rachel or Beckie to book a slot. Also please feel free to bring a change of clothes in for your child to wear for their shoot.

### **Dates for your Diary: -**

- We will be having our December family day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 from 10:30 – 1:00. This is going to be Christmas themed with chances do join in lots of fun, festive activities. We hope that you, your family and friends will be able to attend.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December will be our last day before we close for our Christmas Break. We will Re-open on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

### **Christmas Appeal**

This year we have chosen to help the Bristol Children's Hospital - Cots for Tots. This charity provides free accommodation for families of sick and premature babies at Cots for Tots house. Look out for further information about how we are getting involved this December.

### **Staff News**

We are really sad to inform parents that Briony will be leaving us at Caerleon, Briony will be taking on a new role in a School. We wish her all the best with her new carer and will miss her greatly.

### **Curriculum and planning**

#### **During November our theme is – Winter**

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Pre School 2</u></b>	<b><u>What will we learn?</u></b>
Making Snowflake doilies.	Researching different weather climates and recreating them through art.
Getting ourselves dressed for winter.	Health and self care, learning to put our hats and gloves on independently.
Creating a winter display.	Using stamps, pictures and artwork to make a display, showing increasing control over our fine motor skills.
Ice play.	Exploring different processes i.e Freezing and melting.
Making Hot Chocolate.	Following simple instructions to make hot chocolate, making sure we do it safely.
Diwali.	Learning about Diwali through stories pictures and objects.

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Pre School 1</u></b>	<b><u>What will we learn?</u></b>
Dressing up in winter clothes.	How to be independent by helping to dress ourselves with winter coats, hats and wellies.
Ice Play.	Finding out about how water freezes and melts.
Winter themed books.	Learning through stories engaging in imaginative thinking.
Creating snow flakes.	Using our creative skills to make and cut out shapes focusing on hand eye co ordination.

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Nursery Room</u></b>	<b><u>What will we experience?</u></b>
Ice Painting	Creating marks using frozen paint to explore what sort of marks we can make.
Winter themed sensory tray	Learning through using our sense of touch, smell and taste.
Making snowflake pictures	Using a range of media to create our own snow flake pictures
Marshmallow snowmen	Developing our cooking skills, by using different types of food to create our own versions of snowmen.

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Tots Room</u></b>	<b><u>What will we experience?</u></b>
Winter themed sensory play.	Developing our knowledge of textures through touch, smell and sound.
Dressing up warm for outside.	Helping to dress ourselves through putting willies and coats on.
Creating handprint snowflakes.	Creating pictures using our body parts and learning how we can make marks.

**During December our theme is: Christmas**

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Pre School 2</u></b>	<b><u>What will we learn?</u></b>
Creating our own Christmas Cards and wrapping presents.	Exploring range of materials to wrap presents, talk about why we give Christmas cards and presents at Christmas.
Going for a winter walk.	To see what things we can find out and about during winter and to explore to outside environment.
Salt dough Christmas decorations.	Experimenting to create different textures.
Christmas Show.	To gain role-play skills based on the Christmas Story and to sing songs we have learnt about Christmas.

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Pre School 1</u></b>	<b><u>What will we learn?</u></b>
Creating reindeer prints using our bodies.	Finding out how using our feet and handprints can make marks to look like reindeers.
Snow play.	We can use the snow for all sorts of fun things, in the small world area to create a winter wonderland or explore it in the sensory try to fill and empty containers to support our mathematical knowledge.
Decorating baubles.	To use art to create our own ideas and to be able to show pride in what we have achieved.
Christmas Cards.	Part of how we celebrate Christmas and to be caring by making our loved ones something special.

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Nursery Room</u></b>	<b><u>What will we experience?</u></b>
Making Christmas biscuits	Extending our baking knowledge, helping to measure out and mix ingredients
Christmas Wreaths	Practicing cutting and sticking,
Reindeer Printing	Learning how make marks and distinguish between colours.
Christmas themed spice painting	Using our senses while making marks and pictures.

<b><u>Some of the activities offered in Tots Room</u></b>	<b><u>What will we experience</u></b>
Christmas themed sensory play	We will be learning how things feel and sound by exploring Christmas objects and materials.
Creating our own Christmas Cards	We will be expressing ourselves through creative design making cards for our mummies and daddies.
Reindeer Footprints	They will experience the feeling and textures whilst making marks with their feet.
Salt Dough Hand Prints	Making moulds of our hands for our mummies and daddies so we can see the changes as we grow.

**Summative assessments**

We are currently completing summary assessments for the children at Caerleon, in order to closely track the children’s progress we have added the following key to the bands which link to the Early Years Foundation Stage

Codes

B=Beginning in this band

C= Consolidating skills in this band

S= Secure in this band

This means that we are able to track the children’s progress from assessment to assessment

If you would like more information regarding these summative assessments please do not hesitate to talk to your child’s key person, they will be happy to explain.

**Parents input**

We love to hear about what the children have been doing at home at Caerleon, this helps us to use the children’s interests within our planning where possible.

Please feel free to email any photos or just to tell us about what you have been doing and this will be passed onto your child’s key person

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**Reminders**

**Wet Weather Clothes**

Just a reminder that now the weather has turned colder children will need appropriate clothing for outdoor play, this includes wellies.

**Nursery Clothes**

Could I remind all parents to return any clothes that they have borrowed from nursery and return them to Caerleon, we are currently running really low on trousers and underwear.

**Email list**

If you have not been receiving our emails and you would like to please pop the relevant email address into the office and we will be happy to add you to our list. Alternately email [rachel@caerleonbristol.co.uk](mailto:rachel@caerleonbristol.co.uk) to request to be added to the mailing list.



### **Recommendations**

We feel it is very beneficial to prospective parents to see what our current parents really think about Caerleon Child Care and would like to thank all of the parents and carers that have taken the time to write a review for us on the internet.

If you have not yet written a recommendation and would like to do so, you can use the websites listed below:

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

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

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