

# Autumn Term 2 Newsletter



Autumn Term 2 - Week Ending 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Autumn term 2 Christmas is coming...



This term is always such a busy and exciting one. As well as having a new topic of All Creatures Great and Small we have had activities happening in the community around us. So far, the children have learnt about firework night and Remembrance Day.

This week the children have been looking at a range of creatures from what we find under the sea in the Caterpillar Class to animals linked to the Gruffalo story in the Butterfly Class.

Over the coming weeks we will be continuing with this topic and reading either *The Gruffalo* or *What the Ladybird Heard*.

As a great way to consolidate this topic we have booked Ark Farm to visit us on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. For those who have not had the opportunity to see Ark Farm they bring a selection of small furry animals for the children to get up close to including, rabbits, guinea pigs, tortoise, sugar sliders and a dog. This is a wonderful opportunity and the children always love the experience. We always make sure that all children have the chance to participate in this regardless of their usual sessions. To help cover the cost of this we ask parents to make a contribution £12.00.

### Important Dates

End of Term  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
at 12o'clock

### Spring Term

Starts  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
2023

Half term  
13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February

End of Term  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at  
12o'clock

**NEW BANK HOLIDAY  
CONFIRMED**

**8<sup>th</sup> May**  
(In honour of the  
coronation of His  
Majesty King Charles III)

We will shortly be sending out our Autumn term Assessments. We would like to invite parents to meet or have a short telephone consultation with their child's key person the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November. Your key person will be in touch shortly to arrange times and dates with you.

## Fundraising

As you know the children have been making beautiful Tote bags and lots of you have now collected these. However, if you haven't, please see one of the team to collect yours.

We have had several people ask about additional bags, if there are any left, they will be given on a first come first served basis. There is a possibility of ordering more bags. However, these will be charged at a higher price as we will not get discount on additional bags.

It is with sadness that I have to announce that Mrs Kendall is retiring from Tilehouse Street in December. I know she will be sad to leave her key children and will be missed by the staff and children, especially when it comes to song time which she is always so enthusiastic about.



As the year draws to a close the children become quite tired, with this in mind we like to leave the last week or so to less structured activities. We will have lots of great things planned and we can send out more specific dates nearer the time.

### Events to look forward to

Christmas Arts & Crafts

Ark Farm

Christmas Jumper Day

Festive Cooking

Christmas Party

Visit from Santa