Health & Safety

Please can we ask that all buggies are folded down and put into a pram slot where possible, as they are obstructing a main fire exit. Thank you

Dates for your diary

Bonfire Party – On Monday 6th November 6.30-7.30, nursery will be holding its annual Bonfire Party. Everyone is invited to come along and watch a small firework display while enjoying pie and peas. Donations will be welcomed at the food counter.

Halloween fancy dress tea party- On Tuesday 31st the nursery will be having a Halloween tea party for children who usually attend that day, your child is welcome to come in fancy dress if they wish.

Annual General Meeting-(AGM)- Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm.

Babyroom

The babies have been very busy doing lots of fun things, from Autumnal river walks, paint splatting messy activities to crazy foam, and are really enjoying Story Cd’s too. Our next steps for learning are Self feeding, climbing on the climbing frame, self-recognition activities and encouraging basic words.

Lilliput’s

The Lilliput children are showing a keen interest in the Gruffalo story and are enjoying carrying our Gruffalo activities. We have turned our room into a Gruffalo theme, made our very own Gruffalo crumble and plan to turn our home corner into a Gruffalo Cave. The children are really enjoying baking at the moment too, which is giving them opportunities to turn take, share and listen to instructions in small groups. They recently enjoyed making Hedgehog bread, practising their scissor control to make the spikes on the Hedgehogs back.

Bobkins

This term the Bobkins have shown a keen interest in trains, through playing with them in the small world and moving chairs around to make their own. We have been to visit the train station and even made our very own cardboard box train for the children to sit and use their imagination to decide their destination. We’ve made Diwali pictures to celebrate the light festival too

Gulliver’s

The Gullivers have been exploring the outside world, they found a hairy caterpillar in the Garden and were fascinated by how it looked and moved. We talked about what caterpillars ate, where they lived and what they turned into. We then used our ICT skills to gain more information about the caterpillar using our Ipad. We learnt that its name was a Pale Tussock.
**Staff news**

Firstly, a **HUGE** congratulations to **Sally Cheetham** and her partner Nathan on the birth of their beautiful baby girl Nellie. Nellie was born on Tuesday 3rd October, both Sally and Nellie are doing well.

The nursery has welcomed a few new team members throughout Summer which I’m sure you will already have had the pleasure of meeting. Firstly, we welcomed **Georgina** to our kitchen, Georgina is now finding her feet and is ready to start introducing new exciting menus.

We have also welcomed **Aneesa** to our Bobkins room, Aneesa is settling in well and really enjoying her time with the under 2’s children alongside Caroline, Bethany and Jenna.

**Bethany Royle**, our nursery practitioner in the baby room will be leaving us soon to commence her maternity leave, Bethany’s official last day with us will be Friday 1st December, Bethany is really looking forward to welcoming her baby girl into the world and becoming a first-time mummy.

We would also like to inform you that we have a new practitioner joining us over the next few weeks **Paige Gibson**, Paige who has previously worked as a cover worker at Crossley Mill will be joining the team in November to work alongside Jenna in the baby room whilst Bethany is on her maternity leave. Paige has had experience as a nursery practitioner and a deputy manager at an out of school club and is extremely excited about joining our team.

**Crossley Mill AGM**

Financial report and accounts
Considering the future of Crossley Mill
**Wednesday 15th November**
**Crossley Mill Nursery 7.30pm**

All parents/carers are welcome to attend. The trustees and management value and invite opinions regarding the future of the charity and are continuing to recruit new board members to join us.

The attendance of our families makes a big difference to our **parents evening**, we had a wonderful turn out this term and the evening ran very smoothly. Thank you for your continued support and kind words, it means a lot. Thank you

**Fee reminder**

Polite reminder, all payments of fees must be paid in advance by the 1st and 3rd of the month. Thank you

**Christmas closure**

Nursery will close at 3pm on Friday 22nd December for the Christmas holidays and re-open on Tuesday 2nd January.

**Christmas Activities 2017**

**Monday 18th December** - **Christmas Jumper Day**
**Tuesday 19th December** - **Christmas Lunch**
**Wednesday 20th December** - **Carol Concert**
(times to be confirmed)
**Thursday 21st December** - **Santa’s Grotto**
If your child does not attend nursery on this day you can bring your child to Santa’s grotto between the hours of 12.00pm and 1.00pm
**Friday 22nd December** - **Fancy Dress Christmas party**

**Parents questionnaire**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have carried out our online survey, your feedback is important to us.

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