



## Little Discoveries -Nunney Newsletter – Autumn 2024

### Welcome

A warm welcome to our new families and a welcome back to our returning families. This is our autumn newsletter for the first term at Little Discoveries - Nunney. We would like to thank you for being part of our Pre-School community and hope to share many memories and treasures along the way.

In this newsletter we would like to share with you the behind the scenes of our Pre-School. I have made the layout in sections to be easier to navigate. Enjoy!

### WE ARE OUTSTANDING!!!

'Children are at the heart of this child-centred setting. Staff consider everything from the child's perspective and keep children informed about daily plans. Staff nurture inclusion through creating a highly welcoming atmosphere. They have a detailed understanding of each child's unique needs and circumstances. This fosters meaningful connections between children and staff, resulting in children's elevated emotional well-being and self-esteem' Mentioned in the Inspection Report March 2024.

We would also like to take the time to thank all of our families for being supportive towards the inspection day, sharing information with the inspectors and then of course coming to our celebration party we had in July! We had a fabulous time and really appreciate each and everyone one of you for coming along for the fun!





## LENDING LIBRARY

### The lending library

The idea of the lending library would be that books would be available for families to access from our setting. Over time we have gained an awareness of children's favourite stories and much-loved authors. We would also be looking for donations to the library. Families would be able to come and sign out a book or literacy resource and share this at home.

This will support the development of our children but also allow you to enjoy these reading opportunities at home. We would be able to support it with methods to support next steps and develop children's love for books.

### Key Dates

**Half term** – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

**Inset day** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Pre-School back open** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Father Christmas coming** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (Will announce timings soon)

**Christmas half term** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

**Inset day** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Back to Pre-School** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025



### Family tree within the setting

At Pre-School we would like to create a family tree within our cosy corner. We would love it if you could send across pictures of your family for us to include on the tree.



### Can you help us???

Our much-loved garden needs a makeover! Do you know of any local tradesmen or companies who could potential help us redesign or change the surface? Or do you have any ideas on how we could fundraise?

If so please do get in touch via emailing – [nunney@sslcic.co.uk](mailto:nunney@sslcic.co.uk)



## The Curriculum

Some of you might be aware that the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework was updated in September 2021 along with the development matters. This is the government's non-statutory curriculum guidance which we choose to follow within our setting.

At Nunney Pre-School we have been working hard to deliver a curriculum for all children during their time with us. We have created many programs which our team has been implementing since the term started.

The team have worked hard on creating fun and exciting activities to sit within the programs. One of our favourite programs is called YAMYAM; it stands for Yoga and Mindfulness, Young Active Minds. This program branches out into several developmental areas – Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Expressive Art and Design.



## This Term

First term back and we have been super busy; and already had lots of fun! From learning all about themselves, friends and adults here to sharing our summer fun with everyone.

With the topic all about me – we drew pictures, measured ourselves, used playdough to make faces and talk to one another about the differences and similarities we have.

Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring harvest, space and getting prepared for Halloween.

## Harvest

This year for Harvest the children will be making their own display out the front of the building for you to all see.

We will be learning facts about harvest, and autumn. Looking into the season more about the changes we notice around us to the drop in temperature and what clothes we should wear in the colder weather.

We are asking for donations of tins and toiletries for Frome Food Bank which we put along with Nunney First School to make a collective donation. We will be collecting up until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.



## WHAT TO BRING?

Please make sure that all clothing items are named. It is difficult to locate these without names in.

All children will need a nursery bag with wellies, a spare change of clothes, underwear and shoes (if toilet training).

Children are best to have a coat with them at all times.

We ask that children do not bring personal items or toys to nursery, we cannot be responsible for these if they get lost.

### Did you know?

We sing a hello song and thought we would share it with you all!

'Hello, hello its good to see you;  
Hello, hello its good to see you;  
I must say, you make my day  
Hello, hello, hello'

I wonder if your children remember the actions!



### Drop off and Collection

We have been in discussion with the school regarding the new entrance we are using.

It is working well; however please can I ask that after entering and leaving the grounds please ensure you pull the bolts and latches across to ensure we keep all the children and families safe.

The gate will be open from 8.30am - 9am and a member of staff will go down to lock them with a padlock.

And again, it will be open from 2.30pm - 3.30pm and staff will be closing it again.

Please can we ask that you are punctual at collection time. Staff do finish work at 3.30pm.

For any reason including afternoon drop off or pick up we will need to use school's main gate where the buzzer system is.

We have a risk assessment in place with the school and need parents and families to support us with managing the gates as safely as possible for all.

From using this gate, we are reducing any roadside incidents happening where parents gather during these busy periods.

We are hoping to get a buzzer system on this gate as soon as we can, but it all takes time.

### Home Learning

As some of you are aware already, we have Eddie teddy, who likes to come home with a child for a weekend to spend time with them and then when he comes back the children can share their adventure together to all of their friends.

Also, you may see that on our Facebook page we do share some home learning activities; with this we are also creating home learning activity bags.



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## Meet the Staff!



Sadie Marsh – Nursery Manager  
Safeguarding Lead  
Early Years SENCO  
PFA  
Food Hygiene  
Works every day at Nunney



Chloe Hall – Deputy Manager  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead  
PFA  
Food Hygiene  
Works every day at Nunney



Jane Dean – Early Years Practitioner – L3  
PFA  
Food Hygiene  
Works – Mon to Thurs



Hayley Teager – Early Years Practitioner - L3  
PFA  
Food Hygiene  
Works – Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri



Izzy Bleackley – L2 Apprentice  
Food Hygiene  
Works – Tues to Fri



Sarah Middle – L2 Early Years Practitioner  
PFA  
Works – Mon - Wed

Selina Russell –  
Early Years  
Practitioner - L3  
ON MATERNITY





September 2024					October 2024					November 2024						
M	2	9	16	23	30	Mo	7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25	
Tu	3	10	17	24	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	5	12	19	26	
W	4	11	18	25	We	2	9	16	23	30	W	6	13	20	27	
Th	5	12	19	26	Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th	7	14	21	28	
F	6	13	20	27	Fr	4	11	18	25	F	1	8	15	22	29	
Sa	7	14	21	28	Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	2	9	16	23	30	
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December 2024					January 2025					February 2025						
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**Key:**

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset

**Term dates summary:**

Term 1: 03 September – 25 October 2024 (39 days)
Term 2: 04 November – 20 December 2024 (35 days)
Term 3: 06 January – 14 February 2025 (30 days)
Term 4: 24 February – 04 April 2025 (30 days)
Term 5: 22 April – 23 May 2025 (23 days)
Term 6: 02 June – 23 July 2025 (38 days)
<b>TOTAL = 195</b>

**Contact Details**

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- Email – [nunney@sslcic.co.uk](mailto:nunney@sslcic.co.uk)
- Facebook Page (Closed group) – Little Discoveries Nunney - Parent Page
- Public Facebook Page – Little Discoveries Childcare LTD

Please can we not contact staff personally during out of hours; a member of team will get back to you through one of these above methods