



We have had a very busy start to the Autumn term and welcomed lots of new families into the setting in the last month. The children are all settling well and finding their feet.

As always Autumn term is always one in which is full of exciting activities and celebrations!

This term will also see us celebrate Halloween, Diwali, Fireworks, Harvest and of course our favourite time of year Christmas.



Biting

Discovering that your child has been bitten, or indeed that your child has bitten, can be very distressing for parents. This is a very natural occurrence in a child's development and does not reflect badly on either the parent or the child. Biting is a habit found mostly in children between the ages of 12-36 months. It is not a premeditated, spiteful act, but simply a common impulse at this age.

Children usually discover biting by chance, at around 12 months of age when chewing is normal teething behaviour. At around 2 to 3 years of age, children may bite when they feel frustrated or want something from another child. Biting is a primitive form of communication.

As practitioners it is our role to try to understand why the child is biting in order for us to support the child in expressing their needs. We will then work with the parents and child to find other ways to meet their needs.

When a child is bitten we focus all our attention on comforting the child and easing their distress. We write an accident form, monitor the child and let parents know what has happened. We will never disclose the biter's name so please do not ask us to and we strongly recommend not asking your child either as they may not always remember the right child.

If you do have any concerns in regards to biting please do feel free to have a chat with the setting manager.

A book we often use in nursery is "Teeth and not for biting" by Elizabeth Verdick

Weather

Please can we ask all parents to ensure your children have appropriate outdoor clothing. We do take the children out in all weather conditions and like to get fresh air at least once a day.

The weather is getting colder so please ensure you are supplying warm coats, gloves, hats and scarves all **clearly labelled with your child's name**.

Due to lack of space in the nursery we are unable to store outdoor weather gear onsite and do require these to be brought in with you for each session.



Security

We have recently had our security all upgraded, this involves an up to date alarm systems and intruder alarm. In the unlikely event that an intruder was to get into the nursery with a push of the button we would be straight through to security firm who would alert the police for a quick response. We will be updating all our procedures and practising our policy over the next few months.

Our CCTV has been upgraded and is now within all rooms in the setting recording our everyday practice.

Even with all the security technology we have in place we still need parents to remain vigilant and ensure:

- STAIRGATES are closed behind you.
- You DO NOT let other parent's into the setting
- Staff know your child has left with you



School Admissions

Is your child is going to be 4 before 1st September 2024? If so you can start your application for a school place.

Applications are open from 1st November and will close 14th January 2024. More information for this can be found on the notice board by the entrance porch.

Please remember that mobile phones are not allowed to be used within the nursery buildings. Could we also ask you not to leave push chairs in the porch due to space.

Basics Bank

Times are difficult for many folk
To be honest, it's a bit of a joke
Some can't afford to put on a light
And the forever dropping Fahrenheit

Here at Pixies we certainly do care
We want to help alleviate the despair
A basics bank to assist with the fight
Help yourself if times are not alright

We hope this helps bring some light
We know not everything is black and white
Please donate if you have anything to spare
Huge thank you to our parents and to Pixie Bear

We fully appreciate the cost of living is going up for us all and many families are finding it hard to make ends meet
Remember we have our Basics Bank available in the main porch for parents to use



NewStaff

We have welcomed some new staff members over the last few months, hopefully you have had the chance to meet some of them.

Shanice is our Preschool room lead who has stepped into Holly's shoes. Holly has taken on a promotion to Deputy Manager, we welcome them both to our management team. Tori joined our baby unit a few months ago and is settling well into her position.

We welcome back Kirsty from maternity leave who is currently finding her feet back in 2-3's.

Precious and Alisha our apprentices have embraced their new start in the childcare field and can be seen training in all departments.

Dates for the Diary



16-20th Oct	Recycling Week
23-27th Oct	Halloween stay and play
17th Nov	Children Need PJ Day
14th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Time

We are already preparing for the festive season; the preschools are starting to get ready for their annual Christmas time performance; this will be held on the evening of Wednesday 6th December 2023.

We will be opening the Christmas Secret Shop again this year - this is where the children will be able to choose presents for friends and family, wrap them and label them so they can give presents on Christmas Day - letters to follow.

The children will also be making calendars again this year which make great gifts for friends and family - letters to follow.

