

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our October newsletter.

The children had a wonderful September and have all been very busy. Take a look at what they have been up to and will be doing in October.

What have we been up to...

Throughout September, we have celebrated many events including National Read a Book Day, Recycle Week and Cooking Week.

We also enjoyed celebrating Teddy Bear Day. We all bought in our own special cuddly toys, made our own sandwiches and enjoyed a yummy teddy bears picnic together.



September

What a wonderful month we've had watching our **Hedgehogs** grow, explore, and settle in! It has been such a joy to see them growing in confidence, making friends, and discovering the world around them every single day.

Butterflies have been building their communication and language skills, finding ways to say how we feel, what we see and what we need. They have been building their skills through songs, stories and rhymes. One of the most exciting things we've been doing is learning simple Makaton signs – giving our little ones even more ways to communicate before words come easily.

Little Toads have been focused on building brilliant self-care skills that help our little ones feel capable, confident and proud of what they can do all by themselves. We have been practising washing our hands, wiping our noses, and using our voices when we feel a little stuck.

Owls have embraced new challenges, building resilience, independence and readiness for what lies ahead! Each morning the Owls have been finding their own name card and signing themselves in using the self registration. They have started to learn how to serve their own food and pour their own water – growing with confidence every day!



Parent Notices

Weather

The weather is changing, sometimes sunny, sometimes raining. Please ensure you provide appropriate clothing for your children including coats, wet suits as well as sunhats. Please can we remind you to label any clothing to avoid losing items.

Review us!

We would really appreciate if you could upload a review of your experience as part of the Toad Hall family. Click [here](#) to review us.

Door Safety

Please ensure you do not let other people into the nursery when you are buzzed in. This is to ensure the safety of the children and to make sure we are aware of who is entering the setting.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
October	Harvest festival
5 th October	Grandparents Day afternoon Tea
10 th October	World Mental Health day
16 th October	World Food Day
30 th October	Halloween party - Creepy crafts stay and play 3-5pm.
OCTOBER	Black History Month



Recipe of the Month

Chicken & Veg Pie Ingredients

- 250g diced chicken breast or thigh Quorn
- 200g mixed root veg (carrot, parsnip, beetroot & swede)
- 150ml low-sodium chicken stock
- ¼ tsp dried herbs
- 40ml semi-skimmed milk
- 20g unsalted butter
- 20g plain flour
- Ready-made puff pastry
- 1 egg, beaten (for glaze)

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (fan).
2. Boil/Roast diced root veg until just tender & mash.
3. In a large pan, cook chicken/**Quorn** until browned and cooked through.
4. Make a roux with butter and flour, whisk in milk and stock to form sauce.
5. Add veg, chicken and herbs; stir to coat.
6. Pour mixture into deep trays
7. Roll out puff pastry and cut into circles with pastry cutter, cook on a baking sheet separately to the pie mix then serve age-appropriate amounts.
8. Bake 30-35 minutes until golden and piping hot.
9. Cool before serving.

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