

Hitchin Newsletter



Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our November newsletter! October was a wonderful month. Our Little Chicks room has had a beautiful revamp with lots of exciting new resources. Our new flooring in the corridors is looking amazing too!

Whats to come...

November will be full of sparkle and creativity as we mark Fireworks Night and explore Diwali through themed activities.

This month we will be having a Toad Hall Little hands, Big Hearts fundraiser for **Children In Need**. We look forward to seeing you on **Friday 14th November** between 3 and 5pm. Don't forget to wear your Pyjamas!

We will also be wearing something blue for **St Andrews day** on **Thursday 30th November** and dancing to Scottish music to celebrate.

In celebration of **World Kindness Day** this November, we'll be creating heartfelt cards and cheerful drawings to send to a local care home.

Our Badgers room will take a special walk to the post office to personally mail these messages of kindness. If your child would like to make a picture or card at home, we'd love to include it! Please bring any creations in so we can send them along with ours.

What we have been up to...

We have been celebrating the beginning of autumn with a range of brilliant activities.

Dragonflies explored autumnal objects, such as pinecones, acorns and autumn creatures.

Little Chicks made autumn soup, discovering the vegetables they enjoyed the most in a taste testing activity.

Badgers have been learning all about shapes by taking part in a shape treasure hunt around the nursery and garden.

Hedgehogs found a new way to make marks during a painting activity that involved rolling the cars down the slide through the paint.

Our **Owls** children have been learning about outer space during Space Week. The children loved discovering new planets and learning fun facts about our solar system. They also got creative and used paper plates to make their own astronaut helmets.

At the end of the month, we had a Halloween and autumn themed day with lots of fun activities for all the rooms to enjoy.



Parent Notices

Parents Evening

On Wednesday 12th November we will be having our Parents Evening. Each room will post a sign-up sheet on their door. If you wish to attend, please add your child's name in the timeslot under their key person's name. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the team.

Reminder – bring in warm clothes!

Now the weather is cooling down, please remember to pack some spare warmer layers for your child.

Staff updates

We would like to welcome Sarah to the team. Sarah is Level 3 qualified and will be supporting the Butterflies team.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
12 th November	Parents Evening
13 th November	World Kindness Day
14 th November	Pyjama day and Toad Hall's Little Hands, Big Hearts Fundraiser
30 th November	Wear something blue for St Andrews Day



Recipe of the Month – Smoky Courgette & Chickpea Muffins



(Serves 5)

Ingredients

Courgettes – 65 g
Chickpeas – 50 g
Self-Raising Flour – 100 g
Baking powder – ½ tsp
Smoked paprika – 1 tsp
Grated cheddar – 50 g
Milk – 45 ml
Cold butter – 10 g

Method

1. Heat the oven to 200c.
2. Mix flour, baking powder and paprika.
3. Rub in cold butter until you get fine crumbs.
4. Grate the courgettes and squeeze as much water out as possible.
5. Add cheese, chickpeas and courgettes.
6. Combine with milk until you have a slightly sticky dough.
7. Knead the dough on a floured surface until smooth.
8. Make 20 balls and place on a baking tray with grease proof paper.
9. Brush with milk and bake approx. 10-12 mins until golden.



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