

## Welcome,

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

In September we had lots of room changes and the children have spent the month enjoying exploring their new environments and building new bonds with the staff and children. We have loved seeing in the new season and enjoying lots of autumnal activities.

Take a look at some of the highlights from last month and what we have planned ahead.

## What's to come...

### Halloween Party

Please join us for our Halloween party on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 4pm till 5 pm. There will be some messy fun, pumpkin carving, games and activities. If it isn't your child's usual day your welcome to bring them in and stay with them to join in the fun. All parents, carers, siblings and family welcome. Please pop us an email to let us know who will be attending. Thank you.



## What we have been up to...

**Hedgehogs** have been busy welcoming lots of new families and getting to know the children and their individual interests. This month, the children's fascination has been around their love of books. They particularly enjoyed exploring the new *Gruffalo Granny* book and were excited to get everything ready for her tasty stew, using their imaginations to bring the story to life.

**Little Toads** have been making sensory bags this month, choosing different objects to put inside the bags. They have also been creating marks using a variety of tools to explore. They also have been checking on their potatoes they have been growing and giving them to Gemma in the kitchen when they are ready to eat.

**Butterflies** have been exploring the theme 'All about Me', talking about their families and sharing pictures in circle time. They have also been learning their new good morning song and forming new friendships.



This month, **Owls** we have been focusing on learning our names by exploring letters. They have also been exploring numbers and gaining confidence with their fine motor skills. Owls have been exploring different natural resources in line with the new autumn season.

# Parent Notices

## Car park safety

Please can we ask you not to park down the side of the driveway as we have received multiple complaints from the flats next door, due to unsafe parking at the end of junction and an invasion of privacy. If there is not space in the car park, please park in the town car park opposite. You can get a ticket free for 15 minutes.

There will be cones down the driveway to help us enforce this. Thank you for your understanding.

## Parents Evening

We will be holding Parents Evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 6.30pm. Please speak to your child's key person who can book in a slot for you. There will be refreshments and little treats for you to enjoy whilst you wait.

# Dates for your diary

| Date                     | Event           |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October  | Photo Day       |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October | Parents Evening |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> October | Halloween Party |

## Parents Breakfast

We hope you all enjoyed your breakfast on the go prepared by our chefs. Keep an eye out for your next treat.



# 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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