

Walton-on-Thames Newsletter



Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. The children have had a busy September with lots going on! Take a look at what they have been up to and what we have planned for September.

What have we been up to...

This Month in Hedgehogs we have taken a real interest in our autumn tuff trays, we have made gloop and cornflour trays, collected leaves and made Gruffalo mud pies out of modelling clay.

During October we will be exploring the mud kitchen, making potions for Halloween and looking at shiny things for Space Week such as making themed treasure baskets.



Butterflies have been busy in September doing lots of activities around the children's interests including block play, leaf pictures and feeding and dressing our dollies. We also enjoyed Pirate Day!

During October we will be exploring soil, looking for bugs. We'll also be planting some seeds and learning some new nursery rhymes with dance moves.

Little Toads have loved exploring sand, paint and water during September. We had lots of fun on Pirate Day and loved our Hartbeeps session. In October we are looking forward to spooky activities and our Halloween party.

Owls have been learning all about transport and talking about the different ways we travel from one place to another. The children have also been practising their scissor skills and have grown in confidence when using scissors independently. We have been exploring name recognition, with the children practising identifying their own names, as well as developing their mathematical skills through fun, play-based activities. Looking ahead to October, we are excited to start planning our Halloween party and are looking forward to a special visit from the police!

In **Badgers** we celebrated Emergency Service Day by making junk model vehicles and we loved Pirate Day!



Dates for your diary

Reminders

We now have our new intercom system. You can now use the arrows to scroll to your child's room and buzz them directly or press the bell for the office.

Car Park

Please can we ask that you make sure the gate to the car park is closed behind you and that you are keeping your little ones close to you when walking in the car park.

Food Items

Please do not allow children to bring food items in with them/arrive eating food from home. Due to severe allergies we have to be very careful, thank you.

Date	Event
Friday 2nd	Grandparents Stay & Play
Monday 5th	Space Week
Tuesday 6th	Police visit Owls & Badgers
Thursday 16th	Parent Breakfast
Friday 30th	Halloween Stay & Play Party



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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