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WHAT'S ON AT WOODLANDERS?

Welcome back!

We hope all of our families had a lovely summer and we are very excited to share a brand new school year with you all. Its been so lovely to see everyone settle into Woodlanders so well, making lots of new friends and having many exciting experiences and learning opportunities.



This term we will be focusing on the theme "All about me". In our Oaks room we will be looking at similarities and differences, drawing self-portraits and discussing how we all look different. The children will have lots of opportunities to explore this topic through play and stories. The children will also be looking at the changes that Autumn brings, we will be planting Acorns and using Autumnal leaves and objects to make artwork- if you find anything special when you're out and about please bring them in to share; we would love to see them.

In our Willows Room we will be exploring our emotions using mirrors, books and discussion. We will be looking at families and how families are different around the world.

We will be having fun exploring different types of messy play helping to develop our gross and fine motor skills.



Forest school;

We have had an amazing first couple of weeks in the woods for our Forest school sessions. The children can jump, swing, run, and balance in the fresh air. They are taught fire safety and how to use tools by our specialist trained forest school staff, also learning about native fauna and flora, finished off with a lovely hot chocolate around the fire with friends.



Yoga sessions

We have been excited to welcome back our yoga teacher Lucy this term. Yoga is available to our Oaks children and takes place every Wednesday afternoon in the Maple Room, there is a small additional charge of £4 Per session. Please let the Oaks room or Charley know if you would like to book a place.



Pirate Week

Across the setting we have had a lovely time celebrating talk like a pirate week, we all had a go at walking the plank, and finding treasure - it's been lots of fun dressing up and getting into the Pirate spirit!



What to bring to your child's sessions:

- As we move further into autumn the weather will no doubt turn wet and windy, please remember to bring waterproof clothing - trousers and coats, as well as wellies and a spare change of clothes.
- If your child stays for lunch please can we remind you that we are a NUT FREE setting due to severe allergies with some of our children.
- We encourage good oral hygiene at Woodlanders - therefore we ask that if you do send a drink bottle in with your child that it contains water and not squash/ juice. We do offer water and milk during snack and lunch times.
- We will be sending books home in your child's book bag for them to share with you, please ensure that they are brought back for us to change. We love reading books with the children, and it is such a fantastic way to support your child's language development.



Booking additional hours

Although it may be possible to book additional sessions or change sessions during the term if spaces are available, we ask that wherever possible to give a half term's notice. We do hold a waiting list for desired sessions if they cannot be offered straight away. Please contact Charley to check for availability.

Good Bye Kate, Welcome Louise!



As you may have heard Kate is leaving Woodlanders at the end of September to spend more time completing her artwork and new freelance business support venture. Kate has contributed so much and been a huge part of Woodlanders over the last 5 years and we will miss her and are sad to say goodbye. However we are delighted to welcome Louise to the Woodlanders team. Louise has many years experience in finance and is married with two young children. Louise has been busily working with Kate since the start of term to get a good handover. Please say Hi if you see her and contact her if you have any queries about invoices or funding and she will be happy to help you.

Christmas Raffle.

We know Christmas is still a long way off but we would like to ask our friends and families for a donation to our very popular Christmas raffle; Woodlanders preschool is a registered charity, and our raffle has always been one of our biggest fundraisers. All proceeds raised will go towards resources for your child and any donations will be gratefully received. Thankyou!

Funding- are you eligible?

All parents/carers are reminded to check their eligibility for additional funding. Children get 15 hours of funding from the term after they turn 3 automatically but you may be eligible for 2 year old funding or extended 30 hours funding. You can check here:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

You can apply for 2 year old funding via:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en/Account/Register



Dates for your diary:

31/10/2023- School photographer - after school sessions and sibling sessions available

01/11/2023- Bags 2 school collection

Last day of term: Friday 20th October 2023

First day of Term: Monday 30th October 2023

Additional information:

Our Maple room is available to hire- please contact the Office for more information- 01364652181

Bookings or Session requests: Charley- admin@woodlanderspreschool.co.uk

Funding or invoices: Louise- finance@woodlanderspreschool.co.uk

Sen Enquiries: Sam, Woodlanders Sendco, and deputy safeguarding lead; sendco@woodlanderspreschool.co.uk

Safeguarding concerns: Sally, Head of Woodlanders and Designated Safeguarding lead- head@woodlanderspreschool.co.uk or Sam; deputy safeguarding lead

Friends of Woodlanders: Alex- friends@woodlanderspreschool.co.uk

If your child is ill or cannot come into their session, please pop a message on your tapestry account so that the rooms are aware. If you would like some support with using tapestry we have a handy how to guide. Ask your room leader for more information.