



CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPH DAYS!

Due to demand we now have 2 days booked with Andrew Brown Photography. Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October –Starting at 9am we will be arranging time slots on this day for all children – For those that have moved days to the Wednesday Emma has placed this notice on Tapestry and there is also a list on the main door in reception. If you have any queries, please see Annie or Emma and we can sort it out for you.

Due to Covid restrictions across all the rooms and limited interaction time with staff, we have all the daily information for you to take a look at on the boards outside of the classrooms. This is kept updated with our daily menu and activities your child has accessed during their day. We will continue to add roundups to Tapestry too so that you can see what your child has been learning. If you have any concerns or questions please do utilise this facility to contact your key worker. The new menu for the winter months ahead is available on the website www.appletreecornerdaycare.co.uk

Transitions to rooms – It has not been an easy year with the constant government changes that everyone has had to adapt to this year. It has meant that children are unable to do the usual transitions to get used to their new rooms which is not ideal but given the current restrictions is necessary to keep the children and staff safe. So that the children know their new key person before moving on, staff make sure that they talk to their new key children whilst playing outdoors in the weeks leading up to their move. This ensures that the children are comfortable and have a familiar face when they arrive in their new room. For you as parents, if you would like to see your child's new room, then please just ask your child's key person and they will be more than happy to arrange for someone to take you around (please be aware that you will only be able to look through the windows at this present time). We have also put some photos of preschool on our website for you to look at so that you have a better idea of what this looks like if your child is moving up from Saplings. You can do this by accessing our website on www.appletreecornerdaycare.co.uk (about us- Our team- rooms). For those children currently in Seedlings and Saplings please be aware that pictures for these rooms have been temporarily removed and will be updated ASAP.

Clothing reminder – As we are promoting the children's independence please ensure all items are labelled as children often remove jumpers etc and hang them on the floor (we are working on this!) In line with current restrictions all items are required to be

removed at the end of their session and this is making the process of matching items to children more difficult when they are not labelled.

Christmas Cards – Every year, we join with a company to make printed Christmas cards which your child has designed themselves. Once they have been returned by the company, we will be in touch so that you can come and collect them and, if you wish, order how many you would like. Watch this space for the next instalment.

School Open days – 2021 intake. If your child is due to start school in September 2021 here is a list of the local schools and visit dates:

Witham St Hughs - 21st & 26th November Open Morning 9-11am

Swinderby Primary School – 9th November by appointment ONLY 9:45-11:30am

Manor Farm Academy – 16th, 18th, 24th & 26th November Open Morning 1730 – 1930. Please call 01522 681892 to book your place on one of the dates.

Bassingham Primary School – 16th – 20th November Open Morning. Please call the school to book your place on 01522 788395

John Blow Primary School, Collingham (01636 892485)- St Michaels C of E Thorpe on the Hill (01522 681923), & South Hykeham Primary School (01522 681919) - Please call the school to arrange a visit

Apply between 16th November – 15th January 2020. Places offered by 16th April 2021

Here is the website for you to apply to your chosen school: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place>

Tax free childcare – Don't miss out!

Some parents are still paying full fees for their children's fees and you are eligible for tax free funding! Please check the Government website www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare For every £8 you pay the government will pay £2.

For those pre-school children who are eligible from January for Government funding, codes are now required. You will need to access www.childcarechoices.gov.uk Once you have your code, please let the office know.

Coming up.....

Friday 23rd October Wear it pink day – Wear pink for the day and if you could donate 50p towards the charity Breast Cancer Awareness, that would be lovely.

31st October – Halloween! We will be decorating the nursery with our crafts, exploring pumpkins in our sensory trays and creating our very own potions to discuss smells and taste. **Please feel free to dress up if you wish!**



Our theme for November will be 'Similarities and Differences' so the children will be exploring a range of activities. If you would like to take part as a family, then please feel free to add your wonderful times with your child onto Tapestry.

5th November is Bonfire Night. Sadly, there most likely won't be any displays you can take your child to, but we will be talking about this and making some beautiful pictures.

11th November is Armistice Day and it is important to recognise the valuable role all those in the Armed Forces play to keep us safe



We also have Inter-Faith week between the 8th- 15th with Diwali on the 14th

16th is International Day of Tolerance

29th is Advent Sunday

30th is St Andrew's Day

We would also like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire. Thank you for your comments and we have taken these on board. Please feel free to pop in or send us an email if you would like to share anything – our door is always open.

As we're nearing the most wonderful time of the year, just a reminder that we will be closing @ 6pm Christmas Eve 24th December and we re-open on Monday 4th January.