



# Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter October 2023

## Children's Christmas Party Day

As Christmas is approaching, as a staff team we have been thinking about organising a Christmas party day for the children here at Countryside. We have not been able to arrange one for the past 2 years, so this will be a new experience for the majority of the children here at Nursery. Therefore, if parents can just bear with us as we trial this new format of Christmas parties in the hope that everyone has an enjoyable and festive time.

So the parties will all be on one day- Monday 11th December and at one venue- Corse and Staunton Village Hall, Gloucester Road, Staunton, Gloucester Rd, Corse, Gloucester GL19 3RQ . The timings will be as follows:-

- Hedgehog Party**                      9-30am-11-00am—Children will travel in the Nursery bus,
- Big Squirrel Party**                    11-30pm- 1-00pm- Children will travel in the Nursery bus.
- Little Squirrel Party**                2-00pm- 3-30pm- Children will travel in the Nursery bus.

If it is your child's session on Monday 11th December, we will have the staff to look after your child, however, if it is not your child's session, please make arrangements to bring your child and stay with them at the hall. Each room will have further information nearer the time, with permission forms and food lists, to ensure that the children have a memorable a fabulous time

I am sure that you will all realise that the Ladybird Room isn't on the list for a party at the hall- this is because these children are so little and transport is so tricky, however, Nicole and Issy will be organising some extra special Christmas activities for the babies during this week at Nursery.

### Children in Need- Friday 17th November

This year we will be completing a Children in Need day on Friday 17th November to raise funds for this very important charity, We very rarely ask parents for fund raising, but this event is once a year and it is a worthwhile charity to raise funds for,

Therefore, there is a sponsor form attached with this email and we are very excited as we are taking the Little and Big Squirrels for a Supastrikers session on Friday 17th November at Hartpury Village Hall to gather sponsors. For the Ladybirds and Hedgehogs they are organising a sponsored pyjama day. Therefore, we will be planning these activities on the Friday, so please feel free to print off a sponsor form and join in.

It will be an exciting day as we enjoy some fun activities to celebrate Children in Need 2023.



### Christmas Closing Dates

**Dates for Christmas Break 2023**

**Friday 22nd December 2023-Nursery closes @ 5-45pm**

**Wednesday 3rd January 2024-Nursery re-opens @ 8am**

# Ladybirds Learning Activities in September 2023



Having fun in the tunnel.



Playing alongside each other.



Exploring the paint with Fruit and vegetables.



Limbing high!



Working out which way the beads go together.



Showing great concentration threading the pipe cleaners.



Exploring all the different musical sounds.



Look at me!



Looking at my reflection in the sensory tray.



# Hedgehogs Learning Activities in September 2023



Exploring the orange playdough.



Fantastic climbing skills.



Making marks with cars and paint.



Playing along side our



Having fun with the balls and water.



Nothing quite like splashing in puddles.



Brilliant balancing!



Creating patterns,



Icing the cakes is so much fun!



# Little Squirrels Learning Activities in September 2023



Creating patterns with the pegs.



Sandpit time.



Painting Squirrels



Having fun with my friends.



Emptying and filling the pots using the watering cans.



Having a go at a tricky puzzle.



Look at us !!



Cooking together in the outside kitchen.



Practising our threading skills.



# Big Squirrels Learning Activities in September 2023



Cooling off in the paddling pool.



Exploring the sensory tray together.



Joining up the dots.



Checking how the garden is looking.



Getting creative.



Making colourful puddles!



Using a variety of resources to create our cup cakes.



Using the Magnetic tiles to create a spectacular structure!



Singing some number songs using our song bags.



Enjoying the building role play.



Vegetable printing.



Completing floor puzzles together.



# Thank you to Albert and Angus's Parents

On Friday 8th September Albert and Angus's parents very kindly brought in some of their goats for the children to see.



The children were fascinated by the goats and really enjoyed being able to bottle feed some of them too!

We would like to thank Albert's and Angus's parents so much for giving the children at Country-side this wonderful experience.



## Trip to Ashleworth Park



On Tuesday 26th September Big Squirrels went on the Nursery mini bus to visit Ashleworth Park to collect some Conkers.

The children had a fabulous time collecting conkers and they were lucky enough to see a Squirrel!

The sun shone and the Big Squirrels gathered up plenty of Conkers and Autumn leaves to share with the rest of the Nursery.

Well done Big Squirrels, we all enjoyed our first trip in Big Squirrel Class.





## Thank you to Emily

Thank you to Emily's family for very kindly donating some wellies and puzzles for the younger children to enjoy at Nursery.

This was very kind of you to think of us and these resources will be greatly used here at Countryside.

Thank you so much.



## Big Squirrel Bike Week

During w/c 2nd October Big Squirrels closed the main gates, brought their bikes in and enjoyed cycling around the large car park. We had a wonderful time watching our friends try out balance bikes, two wheel bikes, bikes with stabilisers and scooters. We witnessed the children's bike skills develop so much during this week, Thank you to all our parents for making the effort to bring your children's bikes in to make this such a successful week.



## Grandparent's afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

On Friday 6th October we welcomed our Grandparents and relatives into the Nursery to play with their children, talk to staff and see what type of activities we are offering during the session. We had a wonderful time





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## Magic Moments

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Please let us know if your child has done something exciting at home and we will celebrate it here with a Wow Certificate! It is really wonderful to see our children taking steps forward in their learning and development and they also love sharing their certificates with their friends during Circle Time.

**Ladybirds:** Congratulations to **Laurie** for practicing amazing standing. Well done to **Milo** for standing independently. Congratulations to **Penelope** for feeding yourself independently. Well done to **Ryan** for great confidence in climbing up the slide and steps and climbing frame. Congratulations to **Stella** and **Felix** for settling into the Ladybird room so well. Well done to **Angus** for standing more and more independently. Congratulations to **Zeta** for using more and more words to communicate and well done **Hanna** for independent standing for short periods.

**Hedgehogs:** Well done to **Ace, Aura, Arlo, Barnaby, Henry C, Mabel B-M** and **Rory** for all settling so well in Hedgehogs.

**Little Squirrels:** Congratulations to **Angus, Antonella, Beatrix, Diego, Finley, George, Harper, Harry, India, Jacob, Josephine, Nellie, Oliver, Roseanna, Rosie, Rose, Ruby, Santiago, Sidney, Tabitha** and **Wyatt** for all settling so well in Little Squirrels. Also a huge well done to **Oliver** for completing a fab job brushing your teeth- we are so pleased.

**Big Squirrels:** Well done to **Amelia, Albert, Freddie, Arthur, Beatrix, Ben, Benjamin, Betsy, Bobby B, Bobby K, Eleanor, Emily, Erin, George, Hendrix, Jack, Joshua, Laurence, Lottie, Martha, Nora, Oscar L-J, Oscar N, Otilie F, Otilie T, Poppy, Rosie, Sebastian C-S, Sebastian W** and **Wilfred** for all settling so well in Big Squirrels. Congratulations to **Arthur** for excellent swimming whilst on holiday and well done to **Emily** for helping Grace and Laura set up the colouring table. Well done **Eleanor** for winning first prize at a Gymkhana and congratulations to **Erin** for sleeping in a big girls bed. Well done to **Sebastian C-S** for excellent self care and a well done to **Arthur** for being so very helpful at home for Mummy. Also a huge well done to **Albert** for helping Mummy to bake your brother's 1st birthday cake and following a recipe. Also, another well done to **Sebastian C-S** for doing so well with his self care at night-time- we are so pleased.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

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## Little Squirrels Parent Days

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This month will be Little Squirrels Parent Days. If you would like to discuss with your child's key worker how they are getting along, please email me at [info@countysidedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@countysidedaynursery.co.uk) and I will ask a member of the Little Squirrel team to arrange a telephone consultation with you.

Alternatively, please message the Little Squirrels staff through Tapestry and they will then arrange a convenient time with you via this method.