

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are having **a fantastic week** working with Becci Kenning, the artist, and the Guildford museum staff. Photos will follow shortly. The work produced by the children and families will be displayed at the museum from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November, do pop in to see your children's work.

Jackie and Anna are running a **Forest School session** for children aged 2-5 years on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 9-12, do see reception if you would like a space for your child. NB: This is in half term.

The whole centre is **closed on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** as we have a staff training day.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1-3pm at Hazel Avenue: Come and find out why children do what they do, why they do the same thing again and again! Free for our parents, £15 for parents from other schools and settings.

Parent feedback is really important to us. Your comments and views help us to change the children's centre timetable to suit your needs. We will be asking for parent feedback after all of our groups and activities – any feedback or suggestions are welcome.

As you know from previous newsletters the Children's Centre team are working with the University of Surrey to develop a mobile phone App called '**Grow and Play safe**'. The App is designed to show which stage of development your child is at, highlight scenarios where they might hurt themselves and suggest ways in which you can reduce the risk of accidents. There is a focus group, where you can have a look at the App and suggest improvements at Hazel Avenue site on 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10am – all are welcome!

**The October half term timetable is in circulation and can be found on reception and on our website.**

Kind regards

Sally Cave  
Head teacher

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Week beginning 16th Oct: parent meetings, please sign up with your child's Key Person**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct: Nursery and Centre closed for inset day 1

23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Oct: half term holiday with holiday club

7th Nov 9-10am and 9th Nov 2.30-3.30pm: Everybody count together, parents invited

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Weds 15<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am: workshop for parents applying for a primary school place at Hazel Avenue for parents of both sites

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: Nursery and Centre closed for inset day 2

1st Dec 2.30pm and 4th Dec 9am: decorate the Christmas tree, parents invited

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30pm: family nativity at St John's Church, Stoke for all the family

Thursday 14 December: Christmas lunch for all children and staff

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas jumper day

20 Dec 11.30am and 2.45pm: Christmas sing along, parents invited

21 Dec 9-12: Christmas party for all nursery children, staff and Santa! Parent volunteers, hopefully! **Nursery term ends at 12pm for all, no afternoon nursery or tea club**

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec-3<sup>rd</sup> Jan inclusive: no nursery and no holiday club