

Dear Parents and Carers,

If your child is due to **start primary school in September 2018**, why not come to our workshop for parents on Wednesday 15th November 9.30am at Hazel Avenue. We can advise on how to apply and what to look for when visiting and choosing a school for your child. I look forward to seeing you.

BBC Children in Need's vision is that every child in the UK has a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their potential.

In order to raise awareness and money we will be having a dressing up day next Friday 17th November. Your child is invited to come to nursery/children's centre wearing spots or stripes and to make a monetary donation towards the work that Children in Need do. We will be talking to the children about what the money is for.

Children have been enjoying our 'Halloween' and 'Bonfire night' themed play and learn sessions. We have enjoyed messy play carving pumpkins, looking at the marks left by pumpkin seed in play dough and making large paint pictures.

You will have noticed that the Children's centre team are encouraging parent feedback during the sessions on large flip charts. Your thoughts are valuable to us and will help to inform the timetable for January to Easter 2018.

I'm sure you all enjoyed the many firework and bonfire displays that were held in Guildford over this weekend. As we move into the colder months the local fire brigade are reminding all families in the Guildford areas that they are entitled to a **FREE home fire prevention visit**. Fire fighters will visit your home and provide bespoke advice, based on your household and lifestyle, to reduce to risk of a blaze. For your free visit contact them on **0800 028 44 28**.

Kind regards

Sally Cave
Head teacher

Dates for your diary:

Friday 10th November 1-3pm at Hazel Avenue - Come and find out about your child's play patterns. Free for our parents, £15 for parents from other schools and settings

Tuesday 14th November 11am-2pm at Hazel Avenue - Free Legal Advice clinic.

Weds 15th November 9.30am at Hazel Avenue - Workshop for parents applying for a primary school place for parents of both sites

Fri 24th Nov: Nursery and Centre closed for inset day 2

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

Weds 13th December, 4.30pm: Family nativity at St John's Church, Stoke for all the family.
NB: no tea club

Thursday 14 December: Christmas lunch for all children and staff

Fri 15th 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**

21 Dec – Miller Ark Children's Centre activity. Please enquire at reception.

22nd Dec-3rd Jan inclusive: no nursery and no holiday club