

# -Autumn News-



September 2018

## Why we are different

Our ethos is based on the 'Forest School' ethos *and* the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Children aged two-to-five, immerse themselves in a long-term programme, where they have the freedom to learn in an *outdoor setting*. They are encouraged to use their experiences to improve and maintain their wellbeing. Children choose where, what and how to play and learn, learning observed, supported and progressed, by fully trained professionals. Children learn to manage their own risks and reflect on how their feelings change over time. This holistic approach results in increased self-esteem and better mental health which enables them to continue to succeed when they move on to their next learning environment.

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have supported the creation of our Outdoor Day Nursery, especially those that have given their time and energy for free, thank you for understanding why we wanted to do this and the difference we will make to children's lives, we could not have achieved what we have, without you.

Our aim has always been to promote a good working relationship with everyone we come into contact with and to demonstrate the positives of our presence here. If there is ever a problem please kindly let us know and we will do our best to rectify the problem.

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Under the watchful eye of our qualified staff, the children learnt to uses specially adapted tools to make wooden animals.

### Our Holiday Club

We had a successful holiday club over the summer. Children aged two-to-eleven, left their parents at home and enjoyed our outdoor provision, the games and activities inside the yurt, using tools to make natural toys, art and jewellery, and enjoying a marshmallow around a professionally managed camp fire.

#### Stay and Play

From September to December we are running 'Stay and Play' sessions. These form part of our transition programme; children stay with their carer for a couple of hours a week before they start attending regular sessions at our nursery. This helps children to increase their independence and happily transition from home to our nursery.

Our 'Stay and Play' sessions are Wednesday afternoons from 12.30 to 2.30 and Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30 (to end of December only). Although they are very popular, we have decided to limit the maximum number of children to ten, this is due to the limited number of parking spaces.

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Inside our yurt.

Making paint from natural materials.

