

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

It's been lovely seeing you all and settling everyone back into The Shepherd's Hut after the summer holidays. We've been learning our snack time and fire safety songs around the campfire as well as many others which help children to learn new language, the days of the week, the weather and counting and lots more. Our language rich environment: stories, singing and conversations between adults and children as well as peer-peer discussions, help children to develop effective communication and confidence when speaking. They support each other through social interaction.

Harvesting our fruit and vegetables, has allowed the children to see the full cycle from sowing the seeds, nurturing the allotment beds, watering the plants, then harvesting and best of all eating the produce. We have shared cucumbers, blackcurrants (which we made into jam), sugar-snap peas and tomatoes at snack times. The surplus was made available for parents to take home.

We are grateful to everyone who donated to our home-grown harvest. We raised £20.11 which will go towards our next planting!

We had a bumper crop of sunflowers this year which self-seeded from last year's crop and we have been able to use the heads for printing, counting, weighing, predicting, cutting and using in the mud kitchen. The chickens have been keeping everyone entertained by eating the scraps left on the floor after snack and lunchtime, joining in with the dinosaur games and producing lots of eggs.



Noticeboard

If you are spending time in the outdoors and you come across a Horse Chestnut tree, please can you collect the conkers that have fallen on the ground and bring them into nursery for the children to use. We would particularly like any that are still in their shells.

Please note the weather has now turned quite autumnal. First thing in the morning the grass at the nursery is very wet, so please ensure that your children are wearing their wellies and waterproofs. Also don't forget to pack warm gloves and a woolly hat (all named please!).

Wanted – Conkers, plastic bags (for wet clothes).

Next half-term we will be introducing Autumn themes, Fire Safety to coincide with Bonfire Night, Oral Hygiene and preparing for our Christmas event (watch this space).

