



PUDDLEDUCKS  
DAY NURSERY

## Dear Parents and Carers

### \*\* October 2020 Nursery Update \*\*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to give you a little update of upcoming celebrations and a few updates 😊

#### **Halloween Activities:**

We will be having a Halloween fun day including a Halloween tea party on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020. We will invite your little ones to dress up if they want too – this could be a costume, a Halloween t-shirt or maybe they just want to dress up in Orange for the day, anything goes BUT we must ask that in order for us to do this and be in line with our covid risk assessments, we need your help and cooperation to restrict this to dressing up/clothing items only – with no accessories for examples, no broom sticks, no hats, nothing that can be removed and passed between children during that day. We thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Please don't worry if your little one doesn't attend a Friday – we will be doing Halloween themed activities throughout the w/c 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Although we have some limitations on us due to the current covid situation, we will still be making the most of our usual spooky fun activities that we all love doing! There will be pumpkin carving and different Halloween activities daily for each room, all activities will be a fun addition to our normal daily activities. Watch this space for a more detailed memo to let you know a list of daily activities soon!

#### **Christmas:**

Again we wanted to send a little bit of reassurance that Christmas at Puddleducks is far from cancelled and we will still be helping to provide a magical time for all your little ones... and for us as well of course 😊

Unfortunately our annual preschool panto trip cannot go ahead this year, but rest assured tickets have already been pre-booked for December 2021. We are also unable to do our normal Christmas card post box for the children, we know this maybe disappointing to some of you but we have to do what we feel is right to ensure we are continuing to be as safe as possible.

We have not forgotten about our Preschools Christmas carol concerts – obviously we know how much these are loved every year, but we will not be able to undertake these in the usual fashion ..... we are currently trying to come up with an alternative plan so please bear with us 😊

We will be having a Christmas celebration w/c 14<sup>th</sup> December. This way no matter what session your little one is with us on they will be able to partake in something extra special on any given day – so no one misses out ☺

Watch this space for more details to follow, including an activity list for our planned fun!

**Christmas jumper day** will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020, again please feel free to come dressed in your best Christmas jumper/t-shirt, again if we could ask no removable accessories it would be appreciated.

As usual we will be sending out our Christmas attendance memo in due course.

**Missed Parents Evening** – As you are all aware, we are also unable to partake in parents evening at the moment, and there is just far too many of us and you to be able to do these virtually with any meaning or sufficient time for everything we would wish to discuss. We have devised a plan, so you will be receiving an up to date report for your child by the end of the year – this will include individual information about their progress, interests at nursery, what your child is working on at nursery and general information i.e about relationships with peers, how they have settled/ resettled back into to nursery life – and anything else personal to your child. We want you to feel like you're still very much involved so feel this is a good way to keep you updated and will be a lovely thing for us to be able to share with you. There are a lot of children so the reports may take us a while to get them all completed – we will aim to complete all reports through November/December so you will receive individual reports by the end of the year ☺

**Toys:** A quick reminder that we are asking for toys from home not to be brought into nursery as part of our covid risk assessment, we do appreciate that comforters are different, however we are seeing quite a few toys coming in – please, please can we ask that you limit these as sometimes it's a struggle to get them into their bags when they are in ☺  
Thank you in advance

**Dates for your Diary:**

Term Time only families break up on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020, and will be returning from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Kindest regards,

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