

COA Autumn News

The first half-term has been extremely busy in the nursery with lots of fun learning opportunities happening. The children have settled in well and are demonstrating a positive attitude towards new activities and experiences.



'Let's play together'

'Stop it, I don't like it'

'When you're finished can I have a turn?'



The children are building positive relationships and making friends. Sharing and turn taking can be tricky but the children are learning the skills and language to manage their interactions independently.



Maths Week saw us focussing on our counting skills and on 2D shapes. Our skills are developing well with the help of fun games and lots of different resources to explore.

How many bricks can you fit in your wheelbarrow?



Some of our children have been out on Forest School, they have been excellent role models for our School. All the children have been enjoying Forest School activities on site and we look forward to exploring the Fire Bowl after half-term.

Creative Arts Week has been a fantastic opportunity to get creative and messy, exploring different materials and textures.

There have been lots of musical instruments, dancing and role play to help the children express their creativity in different ways.



Next Half-Term

Over the next half term some of our learning focusses will include; Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Road Safety Week, ICT Week and Christmas. Little Kickers will be joining us once a week to help us with our ball skills and with our listening & attention.

Here are a few up-coming events and dates for your diary:

- Monday 29th October: Parent/Keyworker Meetings. No normal School.
- Wednesday 31st October: Spooky Dress Up Day
- 13th November- Curriculum Open Evening: An opportunity to see examples of how we learn and play, find out more about the curriculum and how it is implemented at Chelsea Open Air
- 23rd November- Parent Forum/Coffee Morning
- 7th December- Inclusion Coffee Morning
- 12th December- Christmas Lights: Enjoy singing Christmas songs and more at our evening celebration
- 18th December- Children's Christmas Party & Theatrebugs (All children to come for the afternoon session. School closed in the morning)
- 21st December. Last day of term. All children to attend in the morning. School closed in the afternoon.



Punctuality

A reminder that the classroom door opens at 9.00am and closes at 9.15am. It is requested that parents have said goodbye to their child and left before the door shuts so that the children can get on with their learning day.

Please remember that pick up is at 12.00pm for morning children and 3.00 or 4.00pm for afternoon and fulltime children.

Please be prompt as lateness can be difficult for children who are left and also effects staffing, planning and preparation time.

Coeliac Awareness

A big thank you to everyone for responding so positively to our request that no food or drink be brought into the nursery, except for fruit as part of the parent rota.

As you may be aware one of our children has severe Coeliac Disease and exposure to gluten can have a dramatic and lifelong impact on her growth, development and long-term health. Cross contamination and miniscule traces of gluten can have a serious effect so it is important that we remain vigilant at all times.

Small children are curious by nature so even a biscuit or snack hidden in a child's bag can be a risk.

The children's well-being is of utmost importance and we thank you again for you continued support in keeping all our children safe.

Parent Helpers

Next half term we will be inviting parents in to read and play maths games with the children. Please look out for the sign-up sheet in the classroom.

This half term has been a wonderful start to your child's learning at Chelsea Open Air and we can't wait for the exciting experiences next half term will bring.

We wish you a lovely Half-Term break.