



Newsletter – Friday 6th October 2017

I hope you have had a great month and your children feel settled back into nursery life at Lancaster Avenue. Many thanks to the parents/carers who attended our 'Stay and Play' session last week. It was such a fantastic response – look out for the dates of future sessions we have planned throughout the year. Thanks also for your Harvest Festival donations. The children had their own Harvest Festival activity on Friday where they all came together to celebrate Harvest time. All donations will now be added to the gifts at our school site, to make hampers that will be sent out to members of our local community.



Ofsted Inspection – You may be aware that on Wednesday 20th September our school site was visited by an inspector who spent one day in our school, observing lessons, looking in books and speaking to children, staff and governors. We will receive the final version of the report shortly and I will ensure that you receive a paper copy (sent home with your child) as well as an electronic version.

Target booklets – You will have received your copy of their Autumn Term target booklet last Friday. End of year targets have been set for your child in different subjects/areas. Our staff have then selected key focus areas for the term that will support your child to achieve these targets. It is really important that you work with your child to support them so that they achieve or exceed their targets.



Book Fair – Next week, at our school site on Darlington Street, you will have the opportunity to purchase books as we will have the large metal book cases from Scholastic available in the school library. The book fair will be open on **Monday 9th October – 8:30am – 8:55am and 3:20pm – 4:00pm** and **Tuesday 10th October – 8:30am – 8:55am and 3:20pm – 4:00pm**.

Autumn – There are a number of things that you can look out for, and talk about, with your children during this colourful season; changes in colours, collecting fallen leaves, conkers, different vegetables in season such as turnips, pumpkins, carrots and the different squashes there are. Our pre-school children recently made their own vegetable soup which they had for their snack! At this time of year, it gets darker earlier and over the coming months there will be many different Festivals of Light celebrated all over the world. This term we will be learning about the Hindu Festival, Diwali which falls on Thursday 19th October.



Nursery photographs – Our official photographer will be in nursery during the morning on **Friday 20th October**. Children with younger brothers and sisters or children who do not usually attend on a Friday morning, can come into nursery to have their photographs taken. All other photographs will be taken during the day. Photographs can be taken with siblings, in family groups and also individually. Look out for the separate letter we will be sending home about this next week.

Don't forget that our nursery will **close on Friday 20th October for half term and will re-open on Monday 30th October**. The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 3rd November. Have a great month.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

'Never settle for less than your best'