



Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

### Topics this term

For the first part of this half term we will be looking at Autumn. In particular our topics will be:

- 30<sup>th</sup> October Spooky Week – dress in your spooky best any or every day this week!
- 5<sup>th</sup> November Bonfire night and Diwali
- 12<sup>th</sup> November Autumn and Children In Need
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Shapes
- 26<sup>th</sup> November Our Christmas theme begins!

### Fees and Funding

Please ensure fees are paid promptly. We have created a new fees policy which will be emailed out in the next few days. If your child is eligible for funding please complete and return the funding forms ASAP in order for us to make a claim.



### Dawson Lodge Visits

Wednesdays

We would like to take a small number of children to Dawson Lodge in West End each week. The visits were successful in the Spring and Summer terms. Three or four staff members will take a group of up to 8 children during the morning. The children will be able to play and interact with the residents and staff. They are offered a snack and sometimes do crafts and singing. We are also hoping to take a small group to perform our nativity to the elderly residents. Consent letters will be sent out to parents of children who we think will benefit the most from the visits and we will try to include everyone that wants to go.

### Moo Music

We are delighted to say that Moo Music have brought their interactive music workshops to Little Gems. They will be coming back to do a couple more sessions for us this half term. The children have been really engaged in the sessions and have shown confidence and enthusiasm to join in.

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## Notices and Reminders

Please remember:

- To bring in fruit or vegetables/other healthy snacks to share at snack time.
- To bring in a **NAMED** water bottle
- Please let us know if any contact numbers or addresses have changed
- To let us know if any medical circumstances have changed for your child such as allergies that we weren't previously aware of.
- Please ensure your child has a named coat and suitable footwear for playing outside. We aim to be outside in most weathers.

Dates for your diary for the year ahead:

### 2018

<i>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Return to Little Gems</i>
<i>Weds 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Christmas dinner</i>
<i>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Nativity</i>
<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>CLOSED – inset day</i>
<i>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</i>	<i>Little Gems Christmas Party (no session) and last day – details to follow</i>

### 2019

<i>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<i>Return to Little Gems</i>
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Close at 3pm for half term</i>
<i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Return to Little Gems</i>
<i>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Close at 3pm for Easter holidays</i>
<i>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</i>	<i>Return to Little Gems</i>
<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Close at 3pm for half term</i>
<i>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</i>	<i>Return to Little Gems</i>
<i>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Last pre-school day of term</i>
<i>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Leavers only celebration, , times and arrangements to follow</i>
<i>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July</i>	<i>CLOSED – inset day</i>
<i>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July</i>	<i>CLOSED – inset day</i>



Please look out for our Christmas newsletter to be sent out next week with lots more details for your information!