



# Happy Kids Newsletter

October 2017

## Planning Board

As you may have noticed we have changed the planning board in the main room. We have provided some posters explaining what we do and why. We have also removed the teddy bear system and each keyworker now has a folder in which they will collect observations for each of their children. Children have enjoyed looking at themselves in the photographs and discussing who's in which group.

## Woodwork

As of Monday our woodwork area will be used for one hour in the morning and afternoon. Children will be supported in groups of three by an adult to earn their hammer licence.

## Winchcombe Place Care Home

We will be going to visit residents on Wednesday mornings starting next week. This will not be all children, just the older children initially. The children will be playing games, colouring etc. with the residents, staff will be accompanying them. This has proven to be beneficial for both young and not so young!

## ECAT

Talking tip for this half term:

Observe, wait, listen; your child may be playing an interesting and imaginative game that you can join in with!

Reminder: as we use the outdoors in all weathers please can the children have coats, wellie boots and spare clothes along with sunhats and cream as the weather is somewhat changeable!!

## Welcome

We welcome Ahmyiah and Rutvi who have joined us.

## Email and Facebook

Our email is:

[happykidsnewbury@btconnect.com](mailto:happykidsnewbury@btconnect.com)

Facebook: [happykidspreschool](https://www.facebook.com/happykidspreschool)

## Tapestry

This is our online system for collecting photos, observations and assessments of all the children. You should have received your invite by now and be able to access your child's learning journal online. Please feel free to add pictures and observations from home too.

## Halloween

When we come back from the half term break we will have a cavern, where children can mix spells and make magic potions.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> children are welcome to attend in costumes and they can have their face painted if they wish. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns.

## Term Dates

We will finish for the half term on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and return on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.