



## Wye Under Fives Newsletter

Autumn Term, 2020

### Dear Parents, Carers & Children

We hope you've had a lovely summer and have had lots of opportunities to play outside in the sun. We're very excited to welcome back our current families, many who we've not seen since the end of March. We hope you've all remained well during the lockdown and the holidays.

To our new families, welcome to Wye Under Fives! We'll soon be meeting you all at our new children's welcome day. You'll get the chance to meet the Early Years team and we're looking forward to getting to know your children.

### Dear Zoo

Our theme for the term is Dear Zoo. It's a book that most children are familiar with and that encourages them to interact with the story. We'll be using the book to encourage the children's learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We will be using lots of imagination in our role play area to see what the animals are doing in their homes ('understanding the world'); creating animal masks using different media ('expressive art & design'); size ordering the different animals ('maths') and reading/hearing/seeing different animals in our stories ('Literacy'). Each play opportunity will be extended to enhance the child's learning at their particular age – from stomping like an elephant and climbing like a monkey ('physical development') through to roaring our words out or whispering them like tiny animals ('communication & language').

### Name it. Name it. Name it.

Please clearly label your child's possessions with their name. This is important to us for two reasons... Firstly we're encouraging each child to recognise their own name in writing and secondly, it gives us a fair chance of handing everything back to the right family. Thank you.



### Please, no nuts on in the setting

Please can you ensure lunchboxes do not contain any foods containing nuts – this includes Nutella spread and oat/granola bars. For some children, being close to nut products can be life threatening, so for the safety of everyone in our setting, we do not allow nuts or products containing nuts in the setting.

### Sickness

Please call us on 01233 812235 if your child is absent due to ill health. In the case of D&V, we are unable to accept your child back in the setting until they have been clear of all incidents for 48hrs.

If your child or a member of your household suddenly has a temperature, new cough or loss of taste or smell, these are the potential symptoms of Covid19. We cannot accept your child with these symptoms and request that you call 119 to organise covid19 testing. When you confirm to us a negative test result, we will be able to accept your child back into the setting. If you receive a positive test result, we also need to know as we then need to take action to stop the individuals in our setting passing it on to others.

If your child become symptomatic whilst at school, we will call you to remove your child immediately – this is to protect everyone in the setting as well as to get a poorly child into the best place for them – home. Thank you for your understanding.