**Newsletter November 2020**

**Term Activities Term 2 Lupins Class**

Week 1: Cally - Bonfire and Remembrance

Week 2: Freya - Diwali

Week 3: Rebecca – Three little pigs

Week 4: Thea – Christmas Cards

Week 4: Shannon – Gift Bags

Week 5: Freya – Clay Ornament

Week 6: Rebecca – Calendars

Week 6: Rebecca - Hanukkah

Week 7: Cally - Edible Gift

**Tuff Tray (Covid – 19 Friendly)**

**Polar Express** (Train track, white felt, pompom’s)

**Ice Skating** (Cotton wool, ice rink using foil, small world people)

**Decorate Christmas tree** (small Christmas tree, tinsel, baubles)

**Winter wonder land** (Houses, park, rides, trees, white pompoms (for snow)

**Christmas decorating** (bows, bells, tinsel)

**Curiosity Cube –** Christmas scene

**Term Dates 2020- 2021**

Term 1: 3rd Sep-Thursday 22nd October

**Term 2: Monday 2nd Nov – Thursday 17th Dec**

Term 3: Tuesday 5th Jan – 12th Feb 2021

Term 4: Mon 22nd Feb – Thursday 1st April

Term 5: Tuesday 20th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6: Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2086533/school-term-dates-2020-21.pdf>

**INSET DAYS**

September 1st & 2nd 2020

October 23rd 2020

December 18th 2020

January 4th 2021

**Additional contact phone number**

**07715097641**

**Welcome to all the new children**

Edie will be joining Lupins & Andrew will be joining Bluebells

**Good byes** Elsie

Good luck to Cara and her family who are relocating.

**Small group activities Lupins Class**

Each day a staff member takes a small group of children to a quiet area to participate in small group activities. This enhances the children’s individual skills. For example: turn taking, sharing, next steps, listening and development in all areas across the early year’s foundation stage.

Week 1: Freya – Communication & Language

Week 2: Shannon – PSED

Week 3: Cally – Literacy

Week 4; Freya – Physical Development

Week 5: Thea - Mathematics

Week 6: Understanding the World

Week 7: Rebecca – Expressive Art & Design

**COVID – 19 Update**

As you are all aware, the Prime Minister has announced a four-week national lockdown in England from Thursday 5th November until Wednesday 2nd December. In the statement the Prime Minister announced that childcare and early years settings will be kept open to all children. We want to be here for you; working from home or not, to provide consistency and routines for all the children under our care.

We will continue to do what we have done since 1st June - provide safe and exciting days for the children within our setting and to be surrounded by familiar faces and positivity.

Please wear a face covering on drop off and pick up. Please do not enter the small gated area unless absolutely necessary. We do understand that some children are reluctant to be handed over and sometimes may need to be carried to a staff member. We will continue with strict hyenine regimes of hand washing, using tissues; Catch it, Bin it, Kill it. We will continue to sterilise, wipe down any equipment and resources that have been used.

We will keep you updated if there are any new announcements made by the Government or DFE.

**Term Activities Term 2 Bluebells Class**

Week 1: Carolyn - Bonfire and Remembrance

Week 2: Caroline - Diwali

Week 3: Sara – Goldilocks and the three bears

Week 4: Carolyn – Gift Bags

Week 5: Caroline – Christmas Card

Week 6: Sara – Hanukkah

Week 6: Sara – Clay Gift

Week 7: Carolyn/Caroline - Edible Gift

**Small group activities Bluebells Class**

Week 1: Caroline – Communication & Language

Week 2: Sara – PSED

Week 3: Carolyn – Literacy

Week 4: Caroline – Physical Development

Week 5: Sara - Mathematics

Week 6: Caroline - Understanding the World

Week 7: Sara – Communication & Language