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Autumn 2017



News From Bollington's favourite day nursery!

Welcome

July and August were very sad months here at Footprints as we say goodbye to so many of our Pre School children so to cheer us up we are very happy to welcome the following children and their families to our Footprints family: Our **babies**: Nancy, Teddy, Isla, George, Flynn, Finley and Huey, Sophia to our **toddler** room and Isobel to our **Tots** room. We are also happy to welcome Aimee to our Toddler room!



Staff Success

Congratulations to **Amy McClean**, our new **Deputy Nursery Manager**. Amy started her Footprints journey as an apprentice in September 2013 and we very quickly saw her potential as she developed in to an outstanding nursery nurse. Amy became our Baby room manager in June 2015 and went on to be our Toddler Room manager in January 2016. Amy is looking forward to the challenges and rewards this new position brings and we know she will make a fantastic Deputy Nursery Manager.



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Outdoors

The weather is starting to get colder, the days shorter, the rain heavier and the temperature colder meaning less outdoor play, right? Wrong!

Children thrive from being outdoors in all seasons and here at Footprints we love to make the most of the outdoors. Everything we do outdoors with our children is “hands on” and being hands on connects their hands with their brains and with all their senses. Being outdoors encourages children to move all parts of their body and in doing so this puts the brain in motion too. Every part of the EYFS can be explored whilst outside and research in Japan suggests being around greenery (they call it green therapy) is good for stress levels, memory and learning. Although we can often take resources outside for the children to play with, the outdoors in itself is a resource. We might lie on the floor and look up to the sky watching birds and planes flying over or the clouds moving, we might run over to the trees and watch their leaves blowing in the wind and then falling to the ground. We might stand on the leaves to make crunchy sounds or stomp in the puddles to make giant splashes. We might go on a nature hunt and come across frogs hiding in the bushes or birds tweeting from their nests or we might listen to all the sounds we can hear in and around our community. We might stop what we are doing and take a look at what we can see, it may be a Gruffalo’s Footprint on the floor or a bear’s cave.

We are very lucky to be surrounded by all this greenery and we will be making the most of it over the autumn and winter months so please ensure your child is equipped with appropriate footwear and clothing to allow them to enjoy it.

Moss Brow

Thank you for your views regarding the possibility of making Moss Brow a one way system which I submitted to Cheshire East Council Highways in March. I have received notification to inform us that Cheshire East Highways along with support of local ward members have made the decision to retain the existing layout on Moss Brow. If you have any questions with regards to the comments during the consultation event, a report compiled by Cheshire East Highways is available upon request from the Town Clerk of Bollington Town Council.



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First Aid

Keeping your children safe forms a very important part of our role here at Footprints. We want you to be able to rest in the knowledge that your children are in the safest possible hands whilst you're not here and for that reason, we take our first aid training very seriously. Back in June Amy, Emily, Charlotte, Kelly and Tricia received training in paediatric first aid from **Millie's Trust** meaning that every member of staff here at Footprints is qualified until March 2018.



Health Visitor

To bridge the gap between health and education we now have a named Health Visitor called Alison. Alison comes in to nursery, usually once a term to talk about any children with any additional needs or any families needing support. Alison has been a great support to us as a nursery and also to the families she has worked with so far. If you have any concerns about your child's health, communication skills, behaviour or any other area of development please come and talk to me. Alison's next visit will be 7th November.

Staff Member of the Month

I am delighted to announce that **Charlotte Quigley** from our baby room has been voted by parents and staff as our September Staff Member of the Month. Charlotte has gained so much confidence and experience since joining our Footprints team in 2015. Thank you for providing the babies with so much love while they are in your care!



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Race for Life

In June a few of us decided to give up our Sunday morning and take part in Tatton Park's Race for Life. It was wet, windy and cold but we had so much fun together and **raised over £500**. We would like to thank you all so much for your sponsorship and words of encouragement. **Same time next year if anyone would like to join us?!**



Dates for the Diary:

1st November – Parents' Evening

Week Beginning **13th November** – Children in Need

13th December – Christmas Party Day



Signing in and out

Please be reminded that the signing in and out book is an important document and it is imperative that your children are signed in when they arrive and out when they leave. We recently held a fire drill and there were some children who were not signed in and on numerous occasions we are having to sign children out in the evenings.



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A big thank you!

I just wanted to say **thank you** to everyone for your cards, gifts and well wishes for my recent wedding!

My new email is **rachel.farrugia@footprintsnurseries.co.uk**

Social Media

If you have access to social media and would like to see what activities are going on in our nursery day to day, then please like us on Facebook and on Twitter.



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Take care. see you soon
Rachel



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