

**Welcome** back to all our children and their families for the remaining weeks of our Autumn Term. We hope you all had a great half term and a Happy Halloween! This part of our Autumn Term will be leading up to our Christmas festivities and events such as our Nativity, Walk to the Post Box and our Christmas Party! (More details to follow).

**Walk to the Post Box** Our walks to the post box this year are on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** November and **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** December. This year we are inviting your children to make a Christmas Card for someone special. This could be a Nanny, Grandad, Aunty, Uncle, or anyone who is special to them. We will provide your child with an envelope to take home. Please could you write the recipient's address on the envelope, pop on a stamp and return it to pre-school - your child will be preparing their card at Whizz Kids, ready to post. We will be taking the children to the post box so they can post the card themselves. One parent or carer is welcome to come along with us on these walks.

## Funding for local causes



We were so pleased to be granted the amazing sum of £3000 from the Co op Local Community Fund. Over the past 18 months, we have been open throughout the pandemic from June 2020 and during lock-downs in order for us to maintain our childrens' well being and provide high

quality provision for our children and their families, many of whom are keyworkers themselves. These funds will enable us to continue to endeavour to keep everyone safe and extend the childrens' development through lots of learning opportunities, resources and experiences. We are so grateful to everyone who supported us as their Local Cause and also to our whole team at Whizz Kids, who all have a part to play in our success.

**Schemas/Child Development** - Schemas are described as **patterns of repeated behaviour which allow children to explore and express developing ideas and thoughts through their play and exploration**. Babies and young children learn best through opportunities to engage in active learning through hands on experiences. Have you ever found that a child, when given a present, seems more interested in the box? or a child who likes to collect objects, filling bags and transporting them?

There are many ways you can provide activities and resources to help a child play out their particular schema which also will enhance their development. We attach a flyer with this newsletter that gives more details about the different types of schemas and some tips and ideas to support them.

This cbeebies link is also great and explains schemas and ways to help you with your child's development. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/schemas>



## DIARY DATES

<b>Walk to the Post Box</b>	<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> November/ Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> December (Details to follow)</b>	<b>Christmas Nativity</b>	<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> December/ Weds 15<sup>th</sup> December (Details to follow)</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of Autumn Term</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>**Parent Play and Stay Sessions to be arranged week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021** Details to be confirmed</b>			
<b>Wild Whizz Kids Sessions this term: Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov/Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>			

### A Couple of Reminders!

- If your child has a temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste/smell or any COVID-19 symptoms, they should **not attend and isolate** immediately.
- If children have had sickness and/or diarrhoea, please leave at least **48** hours after the last symptom before returning to pre-school to help prevent the risk of infection to other children/staff.
- Please notify Whizz Kids as soon as possible if your child contracts chicken pox.
- For those children that attend our lunch club, please could you ensure that your child's lunchbox includes an ice pack, especially when containing dairy products. **Grapes** and **cherry tomatoes** continue to be a choking hazard for young children. If your child has these, please can you ensure that they are cut in two, lengthways.
- We are a **NUT FREE ZONE**. Please ensure that your child does NOT have **peanut butter** in their packed lunch as nuts and derivatives of them, can have serious consequences for people with nut allergies. Thank you.



**Our COVID Policies and Procedures** are available to view on our website and "on-site" at Whizz Kids. It is **essential** that these are read and strictly adhered to ensure the safety of all.

As always, please remember mums, dads and carers, you can discuss any concerns or issues with Sara/Terina or your child's keyperson at any time. Your child's Learning Journey is always available to look at/or discuss and contribute to.



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### Lateral Flow Tests

As part of our continued responsibility for the safety of our staff, your children and families, all our staff and/or volunteers currently take lateral flow tests twice weekly and are vaccinated.