

September/ October Newsletter

Dear Forest Family and Friends,

What a busy month! We have welcomed 13 new children to our Forest Family this month and one new staff member – and we are already one big, happy family. Huge congratulations to the families who have handed their child over to us, however emotional it may have been, your child is in the best hands. The skills your children will learn over time will hopefully set them up for life, and certainly will be a solid foundation for when they start school. Thank you for working so closely with us and understanding how busy we are with 10 precious little people each day.



Huge thanks to the families that have downloaded our Class Dojo App and to those who are using it to comment on or send us messages. We love it. Please don't hesitate to like or comment or share what your child says about their photographs – this is so important to us.

As you may have noticed, now that we have settled our new starters in, we are beginning to share photographs of your child direct to their own portfolio. These are individual snapshots that we have observed of your children. It might be something they said, shared, made, observed, etc. Whilst this is super for us to share between ourselves, Ofsted (who we are regulated by) will expect to see this kind of communication and the evidence of your child's progress. The more you can comment and feedback to ourselves, the better our grading could be. Feel free to send photographs of your weekend, sharing any news or new skills that you feel your child has learnt.



We love celebrating Birthdays here at Evergreen Forest Nursery. Please do get in touch with us regarding your child's special day to co-ordinate some celebration ideas. We would love to know about your child's preferred theme so that we can prepare a little celebration ourselves. Our children have enjoyed dinosaurs, witches, butterflies, fairies and animal themes so far!

Halloween activities:

Pumpkin carving, Halloween baking, Spooky walks, Decorating witches hats, making Broomsticks, Spider web designs, Apple bobbing- Vegetable printing, Toffee Apple and much more!



Who is the New Girl?!

My name is Karen Clarkson and I am the newest recruit to the Evergreen Forest Nursery Team. I have 20 years teaching experience and I have taught every year group in Primary Schools yet for the last 11 years I have been in EYFS, Reception Class working alongside the very youngest children in school.

Although I have left Primary School behind, my skills, my approach and my beliefs remain the same. The setting of the forest, the nurturing approach of my colleagues and the natural fresh air and fun outlook has enabled me to continue my education journey in a calm, relaxed and natural setting.

I stumbled across a Facebook post a couple of months ago via a friend and spotted the amazing and excellent work of Monika and Milly with your children here in the Forest. The provision looked truly fascinating and I jumped at the chance to come and chat with Monika. The passion and vision that she has is remarkable and I was extremely willing to become part of the Evergreen Team.

I look forward to meeting you in all in time and I have enjoyed getting to know some of you and your children already. Thank you to you all for a warm welcome so far!



SAFETY

Your child's safety here at Evergreen is of paramount importance to us and so we would like to ask for your help.

At the end of our day please, please drive carefully onto our car park. Although by name it is a **car park**, the children do have access to it during the day and think of it as **their play area** – please be vigilant when you enter and please pay particular attention to **your speed**.

Also, please be aware that whilst your child may have seen you arrive and you are watching them carefully, there are still a number of other children who you are **not** watching. We do worry.

We discuss this carefully with the children but seeing parents at the end of the day is exciting time for them and it is only natural that they will come running to you.

Please help us to help you, by keeping your children safe, always.