



Welcome to our termly newsletter, Autumn/Winter edition. We have lots of incredibly exciting events and news to share with you and your child for the next up and coming months in the run up to Christmas. Please take note of the "Dates For Your Diary" we will release further information about these celebrations closer to the time via the Family app.

Star of the Month

A huge well done to Laura our Jungle room leader as she has been our "Star of the Month" for the months of July and August. Please thank and recognise the staff members that have made a difference for you or your little one by giving them a star.



Staff Team Updates



Samijo the nursery manager is due to have her baby girl on 19th November so will be leaving us at the end of October to go on Maternity. In her absence Fiona will be supported by Cherise the business owner and Megan will also be managing the nursery 2 days per week.

Hope, our Space room leader is also going on maternity leave at the end of the year as her little boy is due in January. We do have Ellie starting with us at the end of October to take over Hope's role as room leader. Please help us to make her feel welcome. There is a 2 month cross over to ensure that the role is handed over thoroughly.

Amber, who was in our Under The Sea room is due to have her little boy at Christmas time. Amber's maternity leave will begin in November.

We wish all 3 of our expectant mothers the best of luck and can't wait to meet the new additions to the Once Upon A Time Family.

We have had a couple of new additions to the team in the last few months also, allow us to introduce them to you...

Alicia is our Little Kingdom apprentice. Alicia has joined us having lots of experience with children in a different environment and lots of passion for the role and is eager to learn more about child development. She has already begun to build wonderful relationships with the children, staff and families so please help her to feel welcome.

Jakitta is a qualified level 3 nursery nurse in our Under The Sea room. Jakitta has predominantly customer service experience however has joined us with a true desire to support and help children to learn and grow. Again, she has begun to build some wonderful relationships with everyone.

We have our own bank staff, which helps our children with continuity. We like to keep you up to date with the bank team. We have had Sandra join us with 30+ years' experience and is level 3 qualified and also Ellie who is currently studying primary education at Sheffield Hallam University.

Nursery News

Did you know we are 1 year old this month?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY QUATD Dronfield!. To mark this occasion, we will celebrate with the children throughout the week of 19th September, with rainbow themed activities and a birthday party.



As we have been open a year, we would like your honest feedback on our performance, facilities, and customer care. In the upcoming weeks, we will provide you with an anonymous feedback form, please complete this at your nearest convenience and post it in the post box on the reception desk. We welcome any constructive criticism and any praise or special thanks you may wish to give.

We are deeply saddened by the news this month that HM Queen Elizabeth passed away. We celebrated her life with the children through activities in each classroom and paid our respects on Monday 19th September closing the nursery in honour of her funeral and the final day of mourning.

We celebrate lots of wonderful national, international, cultural, and religious holidays throughout the year, and this term is no different.

The week commencing the 24th October we will be hosting Halloween stay and play sessions for each room. Where one parent/carer can come in for an hour and engage in some spooky crafting, playing and singing. We would like to inform you that the spaces will be limited and we will do our very best to offer sessions over 2 days, however there will be plenty more opportunities if a parent/carer cannot make it for you to come and join another stay and play session at a later date.



Leading into the festive season there will be a number of special events coming up.

We are organising a Christmas Fayre on Sunday 4th December; this is the first event we will have organised since the pandemic so we are incredibly excited and we are hoping for your help! If you know of any independent businesses that would like a stall/table, or if you have a collection of second hand goods and would like to donate them to sell or even do your own stall we would love to hear from you. It is £20 per table.

We will provide a hot roast sandwich stand with refreshments.

Soft play will be open for families to take advantage of, with lots of festive music, fun and laughter.

Our chosen charity is Sheffield Children's Hospital, proceeds will go to them.

We are taking part in the Dronfield Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish Church as we did last year. Please visit our tree and take a look at the wonderful display on 25th November – 4th December.



We will be inviting families in for Christmas stay and play's for each room, these dates and more information will be released closer to the time. Please keep an eye on the Family app, as each room will contact you regarding their plans.

Family

We hope that you are enjoying our new Family app. We just wanted to inform/remind you of a few key features we would like all families to begin to take advantage of...



- Child's absence. If your little one is going to be off for whatever reason you can now inform us via the app.
- Home observation. We would like to ask you to work with us and any learning or experiences your child has out of nursery hours, please share these with us via the app. You can upload photos and videos and a description. This is incredibly helpful for us to extend the learning and also tune into their interests.
- Please complete all information on the app in as much detail as possible, this helps us throughout the day and if we need quick access to your child's permissions.

-You will have noticed by now that all invoices, payments and queries are logged through the app. We will update you through the app of any events or any important information we need to pass on.

Dates For Your Diary

Christmas dinner day – Friday 23rd December 2022
Christmas celebration week – w/c 19th December 2022
Halloween party – Monday 31st October 2022
World Space Week – w/c 4th October 2022
International Artist Day – Tuesday 25th October 2022
Diwali – Festival of lights – Thursday 24th November 2022
Bonfire night – Friday 4th November 2022
Remembrance Day – Friday 11th November 2022
Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 9th September 2022



Parent/Carer Reminders

JUNGLE CHILDREN – Please inform us if you are eligible to claim 30 hours and you can be added to our waiting list. Your child is eligible to claim government funding the term after their 3rd birthday. Here at OUATD we offer 15 spaces for children to claim 30 hours, we prioritise families that are already with us and also full time children. We make families aware if they are able to claim 30 hours with us the term before the funding is accessible.

NEW MENU – Autumn Winter menu launching 3rd October 2022, we will be hosting a “Come Dine With Me” in October so please keep a look out for this date.

ALL FAMILIES – As the weather is beginning to change, we would like to remind families to provide their children with appropriate coats, footwear and waterproofs. We don't have any spare options and we would like all children to be able to engage in all activities provided inside and out.

