

### Thursday 15th November - Parents Evening

Parents Evening for all families. Please sign up in your child's room for a time to meet their keyworker

### Thursday 16th November 9.30am – Toilet Training Workshop

### Friday 17th November - Children in Need

All children are invited to come to nursery in spotty clothes or costumes and make a 50p donation.

### Thursday 23rd November – Den building in Willow Room

Come along and join us for a fun morning with your child.

### Monday 27th November –

“Songbird” musical performance for children at Martenscroft . This has been devised in conjunction with Chester Zoo

### Friday 1st December - Hulme Winter Festival.

At Hulme Park from 3-6pm . All families welcome.

### Tuesday 5th December – Oral Health Workshop

Top tips for healthy teeth for all the family

### 11th, 12th and 13th December - Festive celebrations.

Parents are invited to Martenscroft to see the children's Christmas performances

### Friday 15th December -

Party day for all children.

### Tuesday 19th December -

Christmas dinner for all children.

### Wednesday 20th December -

Willow Class and Term Time only children finish for Christmas Holidays.

### Friday 22nd December -

Whole school and centre closes at the end of the day and will re-open to ALL children on **Wednesday 3rd January 2018**

### Festive Celebrations For Parents

You are invited to see your children perform in our Festive celebrations.

#### Palm Room Performance - Tuesday 12th December

11.00 am and 2.30pm.

#### Blossom Room Performance - Thursday 14th

December 2.30pm

#### Willow Room Performance - Wednesday 13th

December 2.00pm

It's official...we're **OUTSTANDING**

At our latest Ofsted inspection in October, Martenscroft Nursery Class and Childcare provision were once again graded as Outstanding. If you have not received a copy of the reports they are available on our website:

<http://www.martenscroftnurseryschool.co.uk/policies-and-ofsted>

### Hulme Winter Festival

Friday 1st December 2017  
3.30pm - 6.00pm

The annual Hulme Winter Festival returns again this year to Hulme Park on Friday 1st December 2017, between 3.00pm - 6.00pm. A winter celebration including carol singing from local schools followed by activities at the Ascension Church and Z-Arts. A small group of children from Martenscroft will be singing at the Festival, details will follow if your child is part of this group. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon for all.

### Welcome!

### Staffing Update

We would like to say a warm welcome to our new Administrator, Mandy. She has joined Wendy and Dee on the Admin Team and you will regularly see her on Reception in the mornings and evenings. Also we would like to wish Kim and Becky from the Children's Centre best wishes for their maternity leave which starts in December.



### Children In Need Day

Friday 17th November 2017

Here at Martenscroft Nursery

Our theme this year is "Spotty". The children are invited to come dressed in spotty clothes or pyjamas and make a donation of 50p. Please join in our cake sale and name the bear competition at reception.

All donations go to Children In Need



# Party Time

Party Day Friday 15th December

This will be a fun Party Day for all children. There will be part food as well as lots of fun, dancing and party games. Children are invited to come to school in their favourite party clothes.

### Parent & Community Group

We need parent volunteers to be a part of our parent and community group which meets regularly to discuss and plan family events taking place at Martenscroft throughout the school year. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 21st November at 9.00 am in the Training Room. Please come along to the meeting or ask staff for more details.



### Tapestry Online Learning Journal

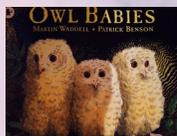
Don't forget to log in to Tapestry to keep up to date with your child's learning journey and learn about their progress at Nursery. If you are unsure how to log in or access Tapestry, please speak to your child's key worker or Admin staff.

## Blossom Room

This term our theme will be My family. We will begin the term by looking at our own families and homes.

Throughout the term we will look at lots of different types of families such as our friends' families and different animal families. We will be looking at their homes, where and how they live. As this term will lead up to the Christmas period we will also look at celebrations, as well as preparing for our festive performance for the parents. We are planning to incorporate lots of children's ideas in this theme, encouraging them to use their imagination and following their leads on how they see families, houses and homes.

Our book of the term is going to be Owl Babies. A display will be developed in the book area based on this story and how the children have been exploring the it. We will also have the props and the story available at all times for the children to use and explore.



Although our focus book of the term will be Owl Babies, we will be carrying out activities based on different stories that surround families and homes, such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Three Little Pigs. As it is also Autumn, we will be looking at the different animals we are more likely to see in Autumn and how they live, such as foxes, hedgehogs and owls. We will engage in lots of different activities to explore these animals as well as singing some Autumn themed songs. As the terms falls into winter we will look at different animal families

associated with cold weather and snow and look at their homes and how they differ from others.

We will be asking for lots of input from you this term regarding home life. We will be again asking for family photographs as well of pictures of the festivals you may celebrate. We will also be encouraging children to look at differences and similarities of each other's homes and celebration of the different cultures and religions that are represented in the room.



Celebrating Our Cultures...we all smile in the same language.

## Willow Class

How time flies! We have now completed our first half term in Willow Room. Thank you to all our lovely parents, carers, families and friends for supporting the children to make a positive transition to school. We appreciate that some children made the transition easily whilst for others, it took a little time. We have had new children coming throughout the half term and it has been an exciting time getting to know you all.

Last term, we concentrated on introducing the children to the structures and routines of the nursery day. They have now learnt who their key worker is, where to sit at group time and who their friends are. They now know how and when to access indoors and outdoors, where to ride their bikes and play with the bats and balls. They have learnt the importance of wearing the correct protective clothing for different activities both inside and out. We have also recently introduced everyone to caring for their environment and helping with tidying up. It is fantastic to see their achievement in these areas.



Lunch time has proven to be an exciting time for our children. They choose to sit in family groups and serve themselves food from a central plate. They are able to scrape their plate independently when finished as well as practice pouring drinks. They love to listen to music and engage in conversations with their key workers. Children have tried a range of foods and personal likes and dislikes have emerged. Last term, we developed our theme "Ourselves" Children drew pictures of themselves and their family members. They learnt the names of new adults and children around them. They engaged in activities which celebrated everybody's difference. Thank you to everyone who came to our Family Evening. We had lots of fun face painting, taking photos as well as asking you all for feedback on Tapestry and how useful it is for you as parents to see what your children are doing.

The children learnt lots of new songs and rhymes. They especially liked number rhymes. One of the firm favourites is "10 Fat Sausages." Rhymes and singing are fantastic activities for you to continue at home. Of course, we had our Ofsted inspection last term. Thank you to everyone who contributed their parental views. It made a difference to us and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support. It enabled us to retain our outstanding status once again. This term, we have lots of activities planned for you as we move towards Christmas.

A couple of dates for your diary are: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30. We are holding a workshop around toilet training. On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9am, we are holding a den making session for you to come and have some fun with us. Other dates will follow.

Please can you make sure your child has a named bag with spare clothes in? It helps when we change the children. Naming your child's things is also very important. Thank you for your continuing support and don't hesitate to speak to us if you have any concerns.



## Palm Room

Our theme this half term is "All About Me". This provides children with the opportunity to answer the all-important question "Who Am I?"

Prime Areas – Personal, Social, Emotional Development, Communication and Language, and Physical development are essential to how two year olds learn. Specific areas will also form a good part of the planned activities

The children will learn new skills and develop their independence, while learning through sensory activities.



We will talk about what makes us special, look at each others' faces, pointing out our similarities and differences.

Children will be encouraged to listen carefully in group time activities and parents will be involved in a listening walk to MMU with Christina.

Dough disco will be introduced to enable children to develop their hand and finger muscles.

As a Unicef Rights Respecting school, Khadija will be working with families to look at the Charters. We are also working towards the Eco Schools Bronze Award

The Rhyme Time Challenge will be introduced and the aim of this is to support children in speaking and language development with support from parents at home.

City in the Community-football - every Friday morning with Lucia



Developing communication skills is an important part of our curriculum. Wellcomm screening supports us with this, whilst looking at early intervention. If you have any questions please speak to a member of the staff team who will be happy to answer your concerns

Lending Library – Suaad will be encouraging parents and children to share books and we will be holding some workshops to demonstrate different approaches to story telling.

We will be very interested to learn about cultural and traditional stories from our families, and finding out your views on dual language books.

This term we will be inviting a few parents to be involved in their child's learning (PICL) to share and reflect on how your child engages in play based learning opportunities throughout their session.

This is an opportunity to share with other parents your cherished moments about your child through video film clips.