



## November 2022 Newsletter

October has been spent exploring Autumn, using conkers, leaves, apples and many other autumn treasures in lots of different ways. We had a fun Halloween, with decorations, costumes, pumpkin potion making and special snacks. Our first full school holiday opening was fairly successful, with children attending every day. On some days there were only a few children, which allowed us to take them for some lovely adventures around Danby. Please spread the word that we are here – the best advertising for a nursery is word of mouth from happy parents!

Over the next few weeks we will continue to follow children's interests, and will begin another round of focus weeks, where we observe individual children closely to see how they best learn and develop. Following children's interests, we have rearranged some of the resources outside, making a bigger space for big construction and turning one of the playhouses from a vets into a kitchen / café.

Our current wishlist to add to these areas are some big logs (to use as seats), and bark chippings: if you have any of these lying around going spare, donations would be greatly appreciated! I have also spent some time clearing and building a fire circle, so that we can have an area to do forest school type activities – big rocks would be a great donation for this area. Thank you.

### **Sponsored walk –**

What a lovely day we had for our sponsored walk. The children were amazing and walked a long way without complaint. We have had lots of sponsor money back – **thank you** for some fantastic fundraising. This is the final call for sponsor money before we total it up.

### **Co-op community fund –**

You may be aware that we were one of the charities that the Co-op raised money for this year. This has now come to an end and we have been told that we are going to receive just over £1000! This is just brilliant, at a time when finance is a huge worry – a big thank you to the Co-op.

### **Cold weather –**

Esklets is not a warm building...although the classroom warms up well (especially once we get our new heaters), much of the space is outdoors and the 'Big Shed', sandpit etc are unheated. We wrap up and go outside in all weathers, all year round, encouraging children to explore their world. Please enable them to enjoy these experiences by helping them to keep warm. Dress children in layers – eg vest, top and jumper – with plenty of extras for going outside. Thick welly socks can really help, as can gloves, hats and warm waterproof coats. We have plenty of wellies and waterproof trousers for children to wear. If your child comes to Esklets in their own wellies, could you please pack a pair of shoes or slippers for them to change into.

**Christmas Shopping –** If you do any shopping online, do remember that you can raise funds for us through Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising. To sign up for easyfundraising, go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to register and choose your charity (hopefully Esklets!). You can then buy from lots of big name websites going via the easyfundraising webpage or app. Each time you shop it generates donations for us. Similarly, if you change your settings on the Amazon shopping app (go to the 3 lines at bottom right, scroll down to settings, then AmazonSmile – it then remembers it on the app) , or shop online via <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> your Amazon purchases do the same thing.

### **Important dates –**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> (2-3pm) & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> (10.30-11.30) November:** Danby School Stay and Play. This is an opportunity for children to visit the school – all are welcome but it is particularly aimed at familiarising children who will join reception there next year. You will receive a letter and are of course welcome to take your children yourself. We will aim to go to at least one of the sessions from Esklets and will talk individually to the parents that this particularly affects.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November:** BBC Children in Need – “Be SPOTacular!” For a donation, come dressed up in spots and join in with our spotty activities. If this is not your child’s normal day and you would like them to attend, please speak with us about booking them in for an extra session.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (1.30 – 3pm):** Christmas Party with a very special visitor. All children welcome to attend. More details to follow.

We close for the Christmas period on  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December