

# Diamond Class Weekly News Wb:30.10.23



School website: [www.sprowstonsparhawk.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.sprowstonsparhawk.norfolk.gov.uk)

Class email: [diamond@sparhawk.school](mailto:diamond@sparhawk.school)

We check emails daily but not during class teaching time.



This week we have begun to think about the Hindu/Sikh celebration called Diwali-a festival of light and new beginnings

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30pm – presentation and tour for Sparhawk Reception 2024  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need-details to follow  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-Tour for Sparhawk Reception 2024  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.30am-Nursery Christmas songs(details to follow)  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec- last day of term  
Th 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – School re-opens-Happy New Year

We have been listening to a little girl called Jessica and how her family prepares for Diwali so we have also begun to make diva lights and had a go at 'Mendhi' patterns on paper hands.



We have welcomed 2 new children to our class this week and Diamonds have been great friends to them both.

The children have settled back well to the class routines-well done!



**School Values - These are woven into our school week:**

Respect Collaboration Inquiry Inclusion Achievement Safety Confidence Independence

## DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this first week where there are lots of new things for us all to learn-the process can take a little time especially at the start of the year.

In the morning it is lovely that you are able to come into Nursery again but if you prefer to drop in the cloakroom and go this is also fine.

At pick up we try to get the children ready in the order of the queue which can be tricky at times-please try to let us see your faces! **We ask just be one parent/carer to come up to the door and only one family at a time please-in the long run we have found this to be a safer, quicker way to do things. Please allow parent/carers with upset children to go first.**

If anyone new is picking up please let us know in the morning or via the school office – a password can be set if it is someone new or if they have not picked up for a long while.

## BIRTHDAYS

In the past many families have liked to celebrate with their class by bringing in small sweets to share. Due to an increase in allergies and for healthy bodies we will no longer do this as a school. If you would like to celebrate with the class we would love a book donation(new or pre-loved) and we will share this with the class on the day and add a book plate to celebrate. This is, of course, entirely optional 😊

## TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNEY

As discussed at the home visit this is a safe and secure way of seeing how your children are learning in class in Nursery – we aim to update this each day from now on but do not want to over-use the Ipad during learning time when our focus is learning and playing with your child.

Parents/Carers with siblings- you should be able to access all siblings via your log in-if not then please email the class email or Mrs Goldsworthy(see below)

Parents/Carers new to school – you will receive an email which will prompt you to set up a Tapestry account. If you do not receive one then please email class email or Mrs Goldsworthy(see below)

This year we aim to keep you informed(in addition to the class newsletter) by:

1. Talking to you, where possible at drop off/pick up.
2. Posting class activities relevant to learning – this may involve whole class times that your child has been part of(even if they are not in any photos) to help to give you a flavor of what we have been doing and could provide a talking point at home.
- 3.Offering an Autumn and Spring term parents meeting and either a Summer term ‘report’ or another meeting(TBC)
4. Informal chats requested by you or us to support the learning while your child is in Nursery.

## Why Tapestry ?

These links may be useful to help you to learn about how and why play is important and how to add your own observations from home.

To learn about why play is so important now and at any age!

<https://tapestry.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/Why-do-we-play.pdf>

To help you add an observation of fun and learning at home

<https://tapestry.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/07/Adding-Observations.pdf>

Please email Mrs Goldsworthy who is our administrator of Tapestry on: [KGoldsworthy@sparhawk.school](mailto:KGoldsworthy@sparhawk.school) if you have any issues with logging in to Tapestry.