



Dates for your diary this half term at Strong Close



Parental Consultations for children who are **new** to all the nursery rooms are week commencing **7th November**. Look out for your email inviting you to book a time with your child's key person.



Friday 18th November - Children in Need Day - wear your favourite clothing or something that is either spotty, yellow or both! We will also have dressing up outfits on the day.

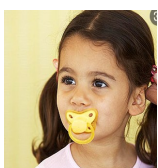
Wednesday 23rd November - Individual photographs of children with Tempest Photography.



Family Matters is a course designed to promote positive parenting practices in every day life. It offers suggestions and ideas to help with being a parent and to help children develop. This course starts on the

Wednesday 16th November and runs for 4 weeks.

Strong Close Christmas Fayre is on **Wednesday 30th November 3.30—4.30 pm** to fundraise for the school summer trip, with stalls, hamper, raffle and more.



Toilet Training and Dummies

Workshop Find out useful tips on how to support toilet training and helping your child stop using a dummy, which can inhibit your child's speech and negatively

affect their oral health if used for too long. Come along to our workshop on **Wednesday 30th November at 2:30pm**.

Regency Court Care Home—we have recently made intergeneration links with the care home and the children will



be visiting the residents to take part in a range of activities on Friday afternoons 11th, 25th November and 9th December. Please speak to staff if you would like to accompany your child on the visits.

To book places for the events on this page please call **01535 605272** or email office@strongclose.co.uk



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Stay and Play sessions for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers at **9.30– 11.00am**. Look out for dates and times advertised on our Facebook page and flyers. It is a great way for you and your child to meet new people and make new friends. These sessions will include **Imagination Library Story Telling Sessions for children 0-2 years**. Book a place and find out about simple activities to enhance each story at home.



7th December - we will be visited by **The Satellite Arts Theatre**. The Magic Postman is a delightful story all about Andy Stamp and his friends adventures delivering parcels and letters. This show is for both morning and afternoon sessions. The residents from Regency Court will be watching via zoom.

Parent Café! for all parents/carers. Look out for information about times and dates.



Wednesday 14th December is

Christmas Party day - the morning party will be for children who attend in the mornings and the beginning of the week and the afternoon party will be for children who attend in the afternoons and the end of the week. Party clothes can be worn.

Friday 16th December - School closes for the Christmas holidays and re-opens again on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**.



Why not download the **50 Things to do Before You're 5** app for lots of age appropriate ideas of places to visit and activities to do with your child.

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This Half Term in Red, Purple, Blue, Green & Yellow Rooms Autumn 2 2022



We will also keep you updated through our weekly 'What's Happening' - copies are emailed to all parents/main carers and are available on our website and Facebook pages.

For all bookable activities in blue overleaf please email office@strongclose.co.uk or call 01535 605272. Thank you

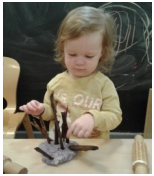
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Red and Purple Rooms – 2-3 year olds

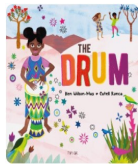
Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills



Last term the children have been very interested in playdough and have been involved in making it alongside the adults. This has given them an opportunity to practice their turn taking skills, early maths skills and observed how the mixture transforms into a dough. Through these manipulations, the children are developing their hand eye coordination as well as gaining strength in their hands and fingers which are critical areas of physical development for writing and drawing. To develop this interest further we will be exploring different objects to print and make patterns in the playdough. We will also be baking so that the children can deepen and build on the skills and knowledge previously learnt.

Introducing new knowledge and skills

In red and purple room the children have showed continuing interest in listening to songs and musical instruments, where they have especially enjoyed our big drum. In our core story, **The Drum** we will discover how a drum can make us feel and move. We will also explore the sounds of other musical instruments from around the world.



How you can help support your child's learning



Why not listen to The Drum story at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lg0e9VaBubg> You can explore musical instruments at home and talk about the sounds they make. You can use instruments that you have lying around your house, or create your own musical toys using household objects. Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/the-toddler-club-musical-play/zxf9dp3> for more ideas.

THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

Blue, Yellow and Green Rooms—3-5 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

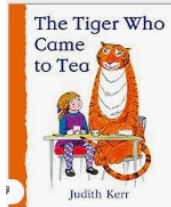


The children in blue and yellow rooms have been busy having lots of parties in both the mud kitchen and home corner. To build on this interest and deepen their knowledge we will be talking about foods that are healthy and unhealthy and thinking about the effects it has on our bodies. We will also be talking about our teeth and how to look after them.

The children in green room have been singing lots of nursery rhymes and moving their bodies to music. We have also been exploring how different instruments sound. To develop this further the children will be learning the actions and Makaton signs to songs. They will also be making their own musical instrument and playing them when singing together. We will also make up sound effects to different animal in our new core story Animal Boogie.



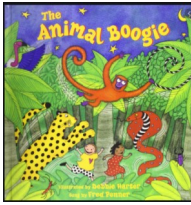
Introducing new knowledge and skills



The Tiger Who Came to Tea written by Judith Kerr is the core story in blue and yellow rooms this half term. We will be talking to the children about kindness, generosity and how to be a good friend as the tiger wasn't very polite when he ate all the food in the house.

In order to deepen the children's knowledge, we will provide information books about tigers, the different places they live and look at patterns in nature. We will give the children the opportunity find out more information about tigers by using our tablets. The children will also have the opportunity to write shopping lists and invitations for the tiger to visit and make menus for food to be served in the café, just like in the story.

The Animal Boogie by Barefoot books is the core story in green room this half term. It is a lively singalong book that is illustrated by Debbie Harter and sung by Fred Penner. It takes you on a journey to the jungles of India, where 6 colourful creatures are jumping and jiving beneath the canopy. The children will explore the sounds that the animals make and move their bodies to the music. They will also be given the opportunity to talk about the animals that they have at home.



How you can help support your child's learning



Please ensure you make use of our wonderful school library. Reading books at home regularly is one of the most important activities you can do to support your child's language development. You could also play listening games on the way to school to find out more go to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/whats-that-sound/znnqmf>

We are now well into the season of autumn and the days are becoming colder. To further develop your child's self-help skills you could encourage them to put on their own coat before going outside. Pick up a leaflet in our entrance way about the two different methods that will help your child to put on their own coat independently. Please log in securely to your child's observations on Early Essence through our website at <https://strongclosenscc.co.uk/> to see what your child has been doing at nursery. Don't forget to share with us what your child does at home!

