



## 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 **6th November**. Look out for your email inviting you to book a time with your child's key person.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### Wednesday 22nd November -

Individual Photographs of children with Tempest Photography look out for more information nearer the time.

**Early Words Together** -is a new **interactive workshop** which offers practical suggestions and ideas to help your child's communication, language and literacy skills. Each week you will receive a free book and goodies. Starting on **Wednesday 8th November 9.00-10.00am** for 5 weeks.



**Strong Close Christmas Fayre** is on **Wednesday 29th 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 **29th November at 12.45pm**.



**Parent Café !** For all parents/ carers look out for more information about times and dates.

For all bookings above please email [office@strongclose.co.uk](mailto:office@strongclose.co.uk) or call **01535 605272**. Thank you



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**Stay and Play** sessions for babies, toddlers and



pre-schoolers will run on **Tuesday** mornings from the 14th November—12th December **9.30– 11.00am**, look out for dates and times advertised on the flyers or

on our Facebook page. The sessions on the **21st** and **28th November** 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.



**Wednesday 6th December** -we will be visited by **The Satellite Arts Theatre**.

**Hickory Dock** is a delightful magic show where Grandy, the inventor finds a hungry mouse in his Grandad Clock so he takes a trip to the Moon in search of lunar cheese! This show is for both morning and afternoon sessions.

### Wednesday 13th 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 15th December** - School closes for the Christmas holidays and re-opens again on **Wednesday 3rd January 2023**.



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

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## This Half Term in Red, Purple, Blue, Green & Yellow Rooms

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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 orange overleaf please email [office@strongclose.co.uk](mailto:office@strongclose.co.uk) or call **01535 605272**. Thank you

**Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.**

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন.

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## Red and Purple Room – 2-3 year olds

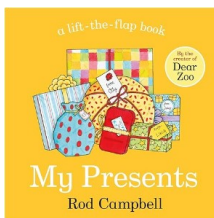
### Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

You may have seen your child showing an interest in covering themselves or wrapping up objects, which is an enveloping schema or repeated pattern of play. This schema can be seen in children's actions when they drape themselves in fabric or clothing such as hats and scarves. Children may also enjoy making dens or hide under blankets. To find out more about schemas visit :- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDIUA8ZzHUE>



### Introducing new knowledge and skills

**My Present** by Rod Campbell is the core story in **red** and **purple** room this half term. It is a colourful young children's picture book about presents received for a child's birthday. Each illustration has a flap which links to the enveloping schema that many of the children continue to show interest in.



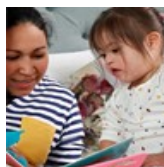
We will be learning the names of the different objects and using descriptive language to describe them.

### How you can help support your child's learning



Reading stories is an important part of language and child development and can be scheduled into your child's daily routine, particularly at bedtime.

Find out more about bedtime story and routine tips with Tiny Happy People at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/routines>



## THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

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

### Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

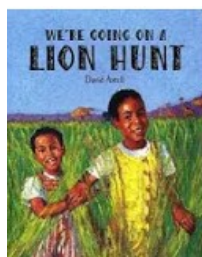


The children in **blue** and **yellow** rooms have been interested in taking the adults on a bear hunt whilst playing outdoors. To build on this interest and deepen their knowledge we will be looking at a different version of the classic story. We will help the children to use a globe and talk about the different animals in the story and where they live.

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 deepen their knowledge the children will be developing their body awareness whilst moving to music and learning how to keep healthy.



### Introducing new knowledge and skills



**We're Going on a Lion Hunt** written by David Axtell is the core story in **blue** and **yellow** room this half term. It is a beautifully illustrated African retelling of the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt which is full of repetition and rhyme. The children will have the opportunity to follow and join in the girls' excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the swamp in search of a lion. We will use the story to sequence and re-enact the roles, through actions and sound. We will think about what happens next and try and recall events from the story. The children will have the opportunity to talk about the lives of people and animals in Africa where the story is set and compare it to here in England. They will also have the chance to use and talk about positional language such as under, over and on.

**Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes** written by Skye Silver is the core story in **green room** this half term. It is an adapted version where we will follow a family throughout the day in their diverse community as they engage in healthy habits. We will be learning the names of our different body parts as well as how to keep our bodies and minds healthy.



### 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 hall 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!