



Monthly Newsletter – September 2023

Please read the following newsletter to keep up to date with upcoming events, Pre-School news and information about what the children have been up to!

Key dates for your diary

Trip to Ben Rhydding Primary School's Harvest Festival - 17th October at St Johns Church

October Half Term – 23rd October – 27th October

Open morning – 4th November (All welcome)

Stay & Play – 13th November (All welcome)

'Dear Santa' Trip – Wednesday 6th December

Last month we had fun...

Exploring our new environment and making new friends. It is lovely to see all our new and old families at Pre-School and all the children have settled in well. We have loved getting to know your children and we are excited for all the adventures we will go on this year.

This month the children have been very busy exploring the new room layout, especially the home corner, where we have been very busy looking after the babies, planning parties and making lots of yummy (slightly strange) culinary delights. One afternoon I was offered fish jelly! Lots of the children have enjoyed sharing pictures of their families and talking about some of the adventures they have been on outside Pre-school.

The children love to listen to lots of stories and our core texts Owl babies and The Hungry Caterpillar have been thoroughly enjoyed. These books have led to us making birdfeeders, bathing babies and trying new fruits, developing our fine-motor skills threading fruits and practising our counting while retelling the Hungry Caterpillar and lots and lots more!

Bike club has been a success and the children have been busy perfecting their skills of stride and glide as well as learning some very important road safety skills. If your child would like to join in the fun, please get in touch.



This month we will be...

Reading – Farmer duck, The Enormous Turnip, Pumpkin soup and Dogger.

Exploring the signs of autumn and how the season change, talking about our feelings and emotions and thinking about the ways we can stay healthy.

How can you help - If you are out and about and come across some lovely coloured leaves, conkers etc- pop them in a bag and please bring them in, there are a multitude of ways we will use them!

Other News

Tapestry

By now you should have all been able to log on and see some lovely pictures of your children playing at Pre-School. If you have any questions about Tapestry (or feedback) please get in touch.

Sessions

If you are looking at wanting to increase any sessions from January, please get in touch as we have new faces joining us and some of our sessions are filling up fast!

Harvest Festival Trip

If you would like to come along as a parent helper on our trip to watch Ben Rhydding Primary School's Harvest Festival, please get in touch.

Ilkley Literature Festival

If you're looking for something to do on Sunday 8th October there is a drop-in story session for 'The Hungry Caterpillar' as part of the Ilkley Literature Festival. The book has been a firm favourite in Pre-school over the last few weeks! <https://www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk/events/92-the-very-hungry-caterpillar-drop-in-sessions>



Exciting news

We are planning a trip to the theatre! On Wednesday 6th December, Pre-school will be going to watch Dear Santa at Kings Hall Ilkley. I will send out more details in the next few weeks, but all are welcome so pop the date in your diary!

Committee News

We held our annual AGM on Thursday 21st September. After sharing a roundup of last year and the annual accounts we bid a farewell to many committee members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their hard work last year supporting Pre-school. A new committee has now been voted in. Welcome to: Yvonne Burkinshaw – Chair, Victoria Thomas – Secretary, Eleanor Somers – Treasurer, Amelia Mounsey & Mali's Mum – Heads of Fundraising.

Fundraising

Our wonderful new committee have got lots of great ideas for events over the next year. The first big one is already in the pipelines and they will be in touch as soon as the details are finalised. However, I can reveal it will be a sponsored walk challenging Pre-School to walk from Ben Rhydding to Coutances (the town in France that Ilkley is twinned with), which is about 382 miles! So, it's time to dust off your walking boots!

The children will also be busy making Christmas designs ready to be sent to the printers over the next few weeks, so don't be too organised with your Christmas shopping!