



Monthly Newsletter – December 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

Back to Pre-School – Thursday 4th January

School admissions deadline - 15 January 2024.

Last month we had fun...

Because Christmas arrived at Pre-School! The children have been very busy learning Christmas songs, decorating Pre-School for Christmas and talking and listening about all the different ways the children celebrate with their families.

We went to the theatre to see Dear Santa, which was a great success. The children (and adults) loved the show and were mesmerised with the actors on the stage. The staff were so impressed with how well behaved the children were and we felt very proud of them all.

The Nativity last Friday was absolutely brilliant. The children have all worked so hard learning the songs and actions and they really enjoyed being part of the show. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Even with all the Christmas chaos we have been busy playing, exploring and learning in so many different ways in Pre-school. A big hit in the last few weeks was the snow and ice! So we have investigated ice – learning about its properties and how it melts. The children have been using lots of descriptive language to describe what they noticed. We have talked about the weather and described how it has changed, what kind of clothes we need to wear in colder weather and how we can keep warm. There has been some excellent role playing and imaginative play around campfire and drinking hot chocolate!

Thank you from all the staff for all the lovely biscuits and chocolates that have fuelled us over the last few weeks and the lovely vouchers you gave us. We are very grateful. We love working with all your children and such lovely families and we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas!



In January we will be...

Asking – Who else lives on Earth?

Reading – Lost and found, The Gruffalo and Storm Whale

Exploring – Animal homes What animals might I find where I live? What other animals do I know? Do they like the hot or cold weather? Where might these animals live?

How can you help – talking to your children about different animals when your out and about with them or reading story books. Does your child have a favourite animal – can they bring in pictures for show and tell?

Other News

School places

If your child is moving to big school in September 2024 don't forget to apply for your place. Use the link - <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/apply-for-a-place-at-one-of-bradford-districts-schools/> to start your application. The deadline for school applications is January 15th 2024.

After School Clubs

Games Club and Little Caterpillars will run on Wednesday and Thursday from 3pm – 4pm. Please can you let us know by the end of term if your child would like to join us. Games club will be an excellent opportunity for your child to play age-appropriate games with staff and peers to build communication skills, teach following instructions, encourage healthy competition and help children understand how to problem solve and think on their feet! Please email office@brplaygroup.com by the 3rd January to book your child's place.

Fond Farewell

The staff and children said a big goodbye to Mrs Keeley at the Christmas party on Wednesday. Mrs Keeley has been a big part of Pre-School for the last 9 years and she will be missed by all the children and staff. We wish her all the future and hope she pops in to see us all soon!

Committee News

Thank you from the committee for all the support with the events this term. We don't have the total fundraised yet, but we are looking forward to spending it on our outdoor space.

Dates for next term – Ben Rhydding Primary school will be hosting a cross country event on the field outside Pre-School on **Saturday 3rd February**. The Pre-School committee and parents run the refreshments and this is usually a brilliant fundraiser for us. The committee will need volunteers on the day, if you can help, please can you speak to a member of the committee. Thank you