



Monthly Newsletter – November 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

'Dear Santa' Trip – Wednesday 6th December. Please be in Pre-School for 12:40 or meet us there at 1:15

Pre-School Nativity – Friday 8th December – 2:15

Sacred Heart Nativity Trip – Monday 11th December. If you wish to join us – meet us there at 10am

Christmas Party – Wednesday 13th December – 1:30 – 2:45

Christmas Holidays - Friday 15th December

Back to Pre-School – Thursday 4th January

Last month we had fun...

This month we have been looking at lots of different celebrations and talking about how people celebrate in different ways. We have explored; Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas so far this term.

We have also been reading lots of wonderful stories investigating seasonal changes and some Julia Donaldson classics – Room on the Broom and The Stickman.

We also welcomed some special visitors into Pre-School. The dental hygienist came and spoke to the children about how we can keep our teeth healthy. The children sorted foods that are good and bad for our teeth and enjoyed role playing dentists. They did a fantastic job of brushing 'the giant teeth' set...all the way to the back! We also enjoyed some special visitors from grandparents, parents and carers on our stay and play. Thank you everyone who came to play with their children.

We have learnt about road safety during Road Safety Week and learnt new nursery rhymes during World Nursery Rhyme week. Singing has been a big part of our day!

We also have started some small group work throughout our sessions. The children have all enjoyed going to the quiet room for a 'special activity'. We have started using 'The Colour Monster' to help explore our emotions and encourage the children to talk about their feelings. We've enjoyed learning about lots of different emotions before looking at them in more depth. All the children had some lovely ideas.

In November we will be...

Reading – Christmas stories – we are loving the new collection from our library trip!

Exploring – more about different celebrations including Hannukah and Christmas. Enjoying lots of Christmas activities and our first Pre-School trip to the theatre. Our kindness tree has grown with all the kindness we have been seeing in Pre-school and now we are looking at further developing some of our daily routines. We've had some very special letters from some fluffy friends (Beatrice & Baxter) to help us with tidying up. (More about this after the Christmas holidays!)

How can you help – Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. They boost vocabulary and language development, develop literacy skills, provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills and help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills. Try singing some with your child at home and see what they can remember from Pre-School.

Other News

Sessions

Lots of our sessions for January are getting full, if you were thinking about adding sessions please get in touch to avoid disappointment.

After School Clubs

After Christmas Bike Club will change to games club due to the colder weather. Playing games with your child builds communication skills, teaches children to follow instructions, encourages healthy competition and helps children understand how to problem solve and think on their feet! Games Club and Little Caterpillars will run on Wednesday and Thursday from 3pm – 4pm. Please let us know if your child would like to join us.

Questionnaire

Thank you to the parents that have returned the questionnaire we sent out last month. We really do appreciate your feedback and it will be valuable in helping us reflect on what Pre-School has to offer and how we can improve. The blue box for returned slips is on the lunch trolley. Thank you in advance.

Committee News

Wreath Making – Thursday 30th November. Thank you to everyone who is joining us tonight and supporting us raising funds for Pre-School

Raffle – Christmas raffle will run during the Wreath Making and the Nativity. Thank you for all the prize donations from local businesses.

We be will be using the money raised to enhance our outdoor play area – all donations will be gratefully received.