



Monthly Newsletter – September 2024

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 – 22nd October at St Johns Church

October Half Term – 28th October – 1st November

Open morning – 19th October 10:30 – 11:30 (All welcome)

Last month we had fun...

Settling into new routines and making new friends. It has been lovely to welcome new faces at Pre-School and we have been very impressed with how well the children have settled in and adapted to new routines. The children returning to us after the long summer break have come back happy and raring to go and have been very kind and caring when helping the new children settle. Well-done everybody.

This month the children have been exploring all the things that make them unique. We made faces out of playdough, loose parts, fir cones, shells and leaves – in fact anything we could find! The children have chatted happily about their different features and about their home life. Some staff members brought in their own pets and the children have loved cuddles with Nellie the Cat and walking Dylan and Mabel round the Pre-School Garden. I think some even got taken to the Pre-School Vets, thankfully they were given a clean bill of health. I think some more furry friends might come and play soon.



This month we will be...

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

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

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!

Did you know?

In the foyer we have a 'Little Lending Library' and some story sacks which are available to borrow at any time. The Little Lending Library is restocked regularly and we would love to see children borrowing the books to share with you at home. The story sacks are also available to borrow – these are collections of books based around a theme – usually key milestones or events in children's lives. Please pop in and have a look next time you're around.



Committee News

We held our annual AGM on Thursday 21st September. After sharing a roundup of last year's annual accounts, we bid a farewell to some 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, Angie Chappell – Secretary, Matthew Tomlinson – Treasurer

Committee Members - Elizabeth Gill, Maria Perkins, Liam Roche, Vicky McNamara, Jen Thwaites, Phoebe Rathmell.

Fundraising

Our very popular Christmas Wreath Night is set to be held on Wednesday 27th November. Watch this space for tickets!

If you have any other fundraising ideas, please let the committee know. The committee are working hard to organise fundraising events.