



Monthly Newsletter – November 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

Pre-School Nativity – Friday 13th December – Starts at 2:15. Please can all children be in Pre-School for 2pm.

Christmas Party – Wednesday 18th December – If your child is not usually in Pre-School – please drop off from 1pm.

Christmas Holidays – Wednesday 18th December 3:00pm Please note there is no Little Caterpillars on the last day of term.

Last month we had fun...

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.

The children have loved exploring their Autumn treasures and talking about the seasonal changes they could see. During an icy Road Safety Week, the children enjoyed exploring ice in different ways and were *very* enthusiast to use the hammers to free various vehicles that got trapped in lumps of ice! We have revisited the colour red, talking about how it means 'stop' or 'danger' in different scenarios. The children have also enjoyed lots of colour mixing with red to see what other colours they could make.



We have also celebrated World Kindness Day by spreading lots of acts of kindness around Pre-School, the children have loved watching their names go up on the Kindness Tree. We have been fully embracing our creative sides as well with lots of crafting and messy play opportunities for building fine motor skills.



In December we will be...

Reading – Christmas stories – and our Nativity script!

Exploring – more about different celebrations including Hannukah and Christmas.

How can you help – We are learning the Makaton for some of our Nativity songs. I have attached the videos for them if you want to practise at home.

Other News

Sessions – Extended Hours

From January we will be offering wrap around care options on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – with our opening times becoming 7:45am – 5:15pm. We have some flexibility with sessions so please get in touch and see how we can help you! Please help us spread the word and let your friends know about our change in hours as word of mouth is our biggest marketing tool. Thank you.

Funding Forms

Helen will be in touch with those of you who need to re-sign or complete funding forms. If you are unsure about what you need to do, please get in touch with Helen as soon as possible.

Smartphone Free Childhood

There is a growing movement of parents across Britain who believe childhood is too short to be spent on a smartphone. There is a parent pact that has come to our attention and may be of interest for you. Please click on the link below to read more. <https://parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

We are on Instagram!

<https://www.instagram.com/benrhyddingpreschool/>

Committee News

Wreath Making – A MASSIVE thank you to our committee for once again throwing a brilliant event. It was such a special evening with vital funds raised for our Pre-School. Thank you.

Raffle – The Christmas raffle will be pulled at our Nativity. Some committee members will be selling raffle tickets before the Nativity so please bring a payment method (cash or card) so you don't miss out. I have attached the raffle prizes poster so you can see what's up for grabs! We would like to thank parents and local businesses for all their kind donations.