

# CHOLSEY PRE-SCHOOL

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## This week we have.....

Been speaking about praise and criticism during group times, we speak about what they are, role play scenarios and have discussions with the children.

Been sorting and weighing animals. They were put into groups and counted and some children went on to further separate them into colour. We also weighed the animals looking at which bucket was heavier and could we make them equal. This has been great for our Maths.

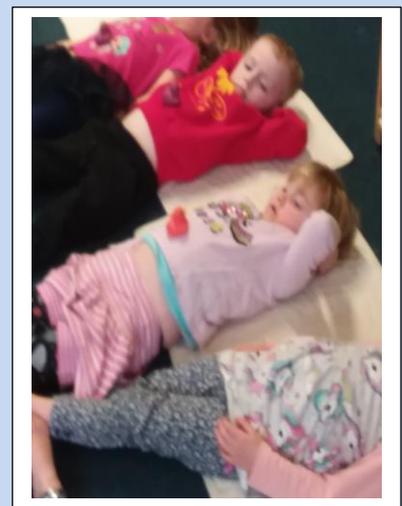
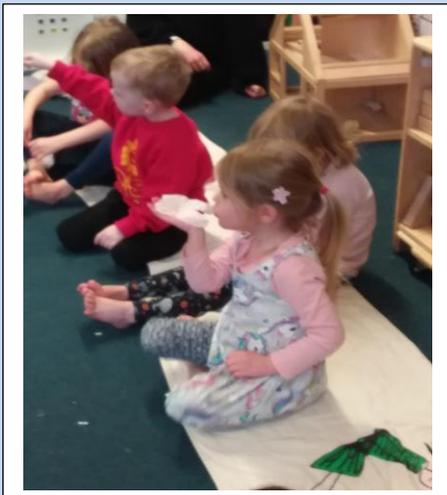
Been learning rhythm repetition, could we use our ears and eyes to listen and look at the rhythms being produced and then copy them? This is also a great activity to do at home!

Been practising sound discrimination by listening to sounds and then identifying them using our words. This is part of letters and sounds learning.

Been doing some gardening, we have decorated plants pots, filled them with compost and planted seeds in them. This activity is good for learning about the world around us, how things grow and how we look after plants.

Been a little creative with pasta and making pasta jewellery (We would like to add we have had this pasta for quite some time!)

Had a visit from Penny and Tatty Bumpkin for a taster yoga session! This was a wonderful experience and the children were fully engaged. They put all the adults to shame with their flexibility.



Dates for your Diary (please check Newsletters, Notice boards and Website regularly for updates)

**Bingo and Curry Night**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm – 10.00pm at The Great Hall

**Pre-School Closure**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, morning session only.

**Last Day of Term**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, finish at 12.30.

**Pre-School Term Starts**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Bank Holiday VE Day**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**We have had a request for donations of old odd childrens socks, skin coloured tights (all skin tones) and yoghurt pots.**

**These are for a charity fundraiser, many thanks.**

## This Week's Highlights

**Monday**

Arts and Crafts

**Tuesday**

Animal sorting

**Wednesday**

Tatty Bumpkin

**Thursday**

Gardening

**Friday**

Pasta Jewellery

## Bingo and Curry Night

Please don't forget to join us on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm for a fun evening of Bingo! Featuring rounds of traditional Bingo plus a few Special Feature rounds. Delicious homemade curry dinner, licensed bar, deserts and fantastic prizes to be won! Tickets £10 including dinner plus all your rounds of Bingo. All proceeds going to Cholsey Pre-School charity

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/cholsey-preschool/348651>

## Illness

Can we just remind all parents/carers that if you have given Calpol to your child before coming to Pre-School they should not be attending the setting. We ask all parents/carers to keep poorly children at home until they are well enough to attend. We have a pretty full on day at Pre-School which can be too much for children who are aren't feeling well.

And, of course, the possibility of passing things onto the other children and staff.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

To keep updated on relevant information regarding Coronavirus please click on. Also please read the attached letter on this email.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

## Being School Ready

Now, I know we have been speaking about this an awful lot, but did you realise we only have 15 weeks of Pre-School left!

There are 168 hours in a week and we may have your child for 15 of these, so this is why we need your help to get them School Ready.

When your child starts School they will need to be able to put their coat on, put their shoes on, socks on and change themselves.

Can your child do this?

If the answer is no then we need to be practising this until they can.

We know time is precious and most of us are in a rush so it can be easier to do these things for your child, but once they are at School they will need to do these things independently.

### **Tips for helping to make these tasks easy for your child:**

Make sure their clothes are easy for them to get on or off, clothes with fussy fastenings, buttons etc may not be appropriate for your child.

Make sure your child's outdoor and indoor shoes are easy for your child to put on and take off. Once again really tight shoes, boots, shoes with laces can be difficult for your child to get on.

Make some time in your week to practice this, use encouragement and make it fun and give your child time.

You may get "I can't do it" or "You do it" but with your guidance, time and encouragement they can.

We do practice all these things at Pre-School but we do need your help to keep this up.