

# CHOLSEY PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter 7  
November 15th 2019

## This week we have.....

This week we had Kates mum in to play, we had a lovely time with Jen. Thank you very much for dedicating your time to us.

If you would like to come and read a story, come and play, then please just ask. We are always very happy and excited to have parent helpers for an hour, session, whatever time you can spare.

Children in Need was great fun, we joined in with a live dance to raise money to help other children that don't have the same opportunities as us.

We used our gross motor muscles and practiced many different skills. We were all very proud of ourselves.

## Things to do at home

### Puzzles

Puzzles are great for children in so many ways. From problem solving to motor skills to expressing emotions (frustration – joy).

Puzzles can be brought to suit many abilities, and at Pre-School we have a wide selection which the children love to play with.

What puzzles do you have at home? Do you do them together or do they do them on their own? Let us know and send us a picture of their favourite puzzles.

## Messy Play

We know messy play isn't always on everyone's list of favourite activities to do with their children due to the tidying up factor, but it is a valuable way of learning for your children.

Messy play involves all of the senses and helps the children develop gross and fine motor skills.

As well as learning what is hard, soft, stretchy, smelly and so on the way the children use their bodies helps them learn how to write. Using their hands and fingers to play with the product and their bodies to stand helps them get ready to write.

By using large trays for some of the messy play activities it helps to cut down on mess.

Also by joining in with the messy play you can help your child to increase their vocabulary whilst having fun together.

Messy play can involve playdough, moon sand, gloop, rice, pasta and cooked spaghetti for example.

Here is a recipe for gloop (This is good for a large tray)

\* 2 cups of Cornflour

\*1 cup of Water

\*Food colouring

Use it to make scenes or different tools to mark make with.

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

**Children in Need**

15<sup>th</sup> November, Dress up in Yellow or Spots

**Pre-School Photos**

21<sup>st</sup> November, schedule on notice board

**Reindeer Run**

24<sup>th</sup> November 2pm Laurence Hall

**Christmas Fair with Pre-Schools grotto**

29<sup>th</sup> November 5.30 – 8pm

**Tempest Christmas Photos (Change of date)**

Group photos December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Christmas Jumper Day**

13<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Songs**

17<sup>th</sup> December 9.15 am

**Last Day of Term**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Term Starts**

January 6<sup>th</sup>

## This Week's Highlights

**Monday**

Mini Professors

**Tuesday**

Music and movement.

**Wednesday**

Jen in to help. Thank you.

**Thursday**

**Friday**

Children in need

## Going Green

Looking after the environment around us is really important to us at Cholsey Pre-School.

As you can imagine it can be hard to be a completely green Pre-School, but we would like to start making some changes. These won't all happen straight away but we will be making some small changes in Pre-School and asking if you can help us by making some small changes yourselves.

Some ways we can start...

- \*Recycling
- \*Reducing single use plastic
- \*Growing plants, fruit and veg
- \*Working with natural resources
- \*Talking about the world and how we can look after it.

How you could help....

- \*Walking to Pre-School
- \*Bringing re-usable bottles drinks.
- \*A wet bag inside their bag for wet clothes. (instead of plastic bags)
- \*Help us to reduce single use plastic

We look forward to seeing how this develops.