

CHOLSEY PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter 9
November 29th 2019

This week we have.....

We have been supporting the children with interacting with each other and supporting them with the skills they need to be able to make friendships.

Outside the children have been building dens with blocks and crates.

We have once again been going over personal power, this takes time to learn and understand.

We have been looking at letters and turning them into sounds.

We have been working on our Gross and Fine motor skills by wrapping up parcels in Father Christmas's workshop.

We have been looking at clues and following maps treasure hunting.

Spaces for extra sessions

We are really flattered when we are asked if we have extra sessions available, and we just wanted to explain how all this works.

We have so many things to think of when it comes to session availability and we have to make sure it is fair on not only you and your children but to the staff who work here.

You will have had an opportunity to put down for your 15 hours funded sessions when you had a letter asking your preferred sessions, any extra sessions then come down to ratios, numbers and so on.

We appreciate circumstances and other things change and we really do take it into consideration, sadly if we don't have space there is nothing we can do. However, we do have a waiting list we can put you on and if any sessions become available, we work our way down the list and we will let you know. At this very moment in time all our sessions are booked for this current cohort year. Things do change and we will let you know if this happens. We thank you for your understanding.



Family Advent

On Sunday it will be the 1st of December, so we have come up with some suggestions for an alternative advent calendar.

These could be things you do together, you can even send us your own ideas and suggestions if you do this already.

Each idea has some sort of learning involved, from mark making, sharing, designing, maths, literacy, social skills and so on.

As well as the learning aspect there is the family time side to it, in this busy day and age it can be hard to find.

We look forward to hearing all about yours if you do it already or what you may put in if you decide to try it.

- 13 Make a feeder for the birds
- 14 Choose a Christmas Story to read
- 15 Write a letter to Father Christmas
- 16 Take a Family photo
- 17 Make some Christmas smelling Playdough
- 18 As a family play with the Playdough
- 19 Design and make a Christmas card for someone
- 20 Make a Christmas Decoration together
- 21 Sort a toy you could give to charity
- 22 Dance to your favourite Christmas Songs
- 23 Design your own wrapping paper
- 24 Make a time capsule

- 1 Camp out under the Christmas tree
- 2 Make some Christmas Cookies
- 3 Visit family or Friends
- 4 Make a wreath, real or paper
- 5 Make dinner together, all have a job to do
- 6 Donate to a food bank
- 7 Watch a Christmas movie
- 8 Game time
- 9 Family time with special hot chocolate
- 10 Take a walk and look at the Christmas Lights
- 11 Sing some Carols
- 12 Put milk, cookies and carrots out

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

Christmas Fair with Pre-Schools grotto

29th November 5.30 – 8pm

Tempest Christmas Photos (Change of date)

Group photos December 3rd

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December

Pre-School Christmas Songs

17th December 9.15

Last Day of Term and Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December

Term Starts

January 6th

This Week's Highlights

Monday

Decorating biscuits

Tuesday

Mini Professors

Wednesday

Treasure hunting

Thursday

Dressing up as elves and roleplaying what Father Christmas does on Christmas Eve.

Friday

Barrel Obstacle course

Reindeer Run and Disco

WOW WOW WOW!!!

What an amazing time we all had at the Reindeer Run and Disco. We really hope you all had an amazing time.

We would like to thank all the businesses that kindly donated raffle prizes

- Berinsfield Pool (Better Leisure)
- Blenheim Palace
- Busy Brush Cafe
- Cholsey Community Development Trust
- Cocobolo Brownies
- Earth Therapies
- JoJo Maman Bebe
- Lidl Wallingford
- M&S Benson
- Maison White
- Memories Of Bengal
- Pine In The Valley handmade jewellery
- Red Kangaroo
- Root One
- Sainsbury's Didcot
- Snakes & Ladders
- Sprouts Playbarn
- Tesco Cholsey
- The Cornerstone
- The Corn Exchange
- The Oratory Sports Centre
- Nifty Shades of K

We raised just over £1000 and we cannot thank you enough.