

## PRE-SCHOOL

### This week we have.....

Been looking at Winter Trees and we have been studying Tree's over the last few seasons, recording and taking photos of the trees. This led to conversations and discussions about how we know winter is coming and the changes we see outside.

Looked at leaves on the lightbox and again taking observations from what we see.

We have been using some mini trees and sorting them according to their size and then finding other objects that matched those sizes.

Made playdough to take outside and then we put it on objects outside so the object imprinted onto the playdough. We could then look at these prints and have a discussion about them.

Been building inside dens using bedsheets and building different shaped towers with the wooden blocks.

One of our children wanted to make a peg doll, so we looked at images of peg dolls on the Ipad and then the child painted their own version of the peg doll, in the way they wanted.

Also used the Ipads on Cbeebies playing some of the educational games. This helps the children with their fine motor skills which in turn help them use their fingers. This also helps the Children use technology.

Been writing Christmas Cards and letters and posting them into our Post Box.

Seen some creative makes in the Art Area, the Children have told us what they would like to make and we have supported them in the making of their art work.

Looked at our reflections in baubles.

Been delivery drivers outside, the Children used the bikes and they put objects on the back of them and then delivered the parcels to us.

Been learning some signing to go along with our Christmas song we are also learning.

## Mini Professors

Thank you for letting me tell everyone at the pre-school about our Mini Professors Christmas Special. This year we will be running a fun hands on online session and are bringing some sciencey Christmas magic and sparkle to your homes.

For every booking made by a Cholsey Pre-school family, I will give 10% of the booking fee to the pre-school.

So, how will it work? Comment below and I will be in touch with class date. Choose the date of the class that you would like to join and get booked on. Once booked I will post out a box of goodies for you. This will contain things that you need for the class plus some extra treats and ideas to keep your Mini Professor having fun even after the class and over Christmas time.

Classes are £15 per household, this price includes the class and the parcel of goodies for one child. If you have more than one child joining the class and you want an additional box these can be purchased for £7 each. Class is 1 hour and suitable for 2-7 year olds, older children will also love this fun class so are welcome to join.

Bookings are limited and will close in 1 weeks time to allow for your Mini Professors kit to be posted out to you.

To book please comment on the Facebook page notification and I will be in touch.

We can't wait to see you soon.

## Reminders

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Reindeer Trail and Craft Packs

<https://buytickets.at/cholseypreschool/454494>

Thank you to those of you who have your 'Your School Lottery' tickets, lottery gift vouchers can also be brought at

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/gift>

Santa is coming to Cholsey thanks to Wallingford 1155 on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Christmas Party on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Dates for your Diary (please check Newsletters and online Notice Board for updates)

## Christmas Holiday

### PLEASE NOTE

Pre-School Finishes 11.45am 18<sup>th</sup> December

Pre-School Stars Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

## Amazon Wish List

We have been asked to share our Amazon wish list again with you.

Our wish list changes regularly as we are adding things to it which we would love for the setting whilst we go through our Hygge training.

Due to lack of fundraising opportunities because of COVID-19 we have been unable to purchase these ourselves.

So, thank you in advance and here is the link [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/18V7A7A7E605D/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/18V7A7A7E605D/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

## Child's Progress

As you know things have been very different for all of us this year. Normally we would have had a parent's evening in November, where you could come in to discuss how your child is doing with their Key Person, sadly this year we cannot do that.

What you may or may not know is we do a learning journal for each child, in this learning journal are pictures of what your child does at Pre-School, observations detailing their learning, their makes and so much more. We also reference the Early Years Curriculum (yes, we do have a curriculum at Pre-School) which is also known as the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which supports children from birth to the end of their reception year at Primary School.

You can find out more about the EYFS by clicking this link  
<http://cholseypreschool.co.uk/curriculum/>

What we will be doing in January is sending you a report on how your child is doing at Pre-School, which will let you know how they are progressing. We also want to reassure you that we would contact you if we had anything that we needed to talk to you about. If you do have any questions you would like to ask us please do send us an email and we will answer those questions for you.