

CHOLSEY

Newsletter
November 21st

PRE-SCHOOL



School Admissions

For children born between September 1st 2018 - 31st August 2019 School Admission applications are now open. You must register your child by January 15th 2023.

We cannot do the applications for you and please do remember that we have no control over which Primary School your child will attend.

All information is here <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>

Reminders

Important

Please do remember to pack snack for your child (we don't always have enough spare snack at Pre-School), enough for one snack time if your child is with us for just a morning or afternoon session or enough for 2 snack times if your child is with us all day.

Some children may choose not to eat at snack time, this can be for several reasons so any uneaten snack will be sent back home, we do not force the children to eat their snack/lunch, we can only guide them.

Please can we ask that your child's snack is placed in a separate bag/tub with their name on and not in their lunch box. Pre-School is a busy place and we need easy access to snack and need to know whose snack is whose. Sadly, if we get apples, bananas etc that are not in a bag we do not know which child that fruit has been brought in for. So please do place all snack for snack time in a named bag or tub.

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

Pre-School Closed Friday 25th

Parent Consultations Week beginning the 28th November

Tuesday 13th December Pre-School Closes at 12.30pm for Staff training

Friday 16th December End of term and Christmas Party.

Thursday 5th January Pre-School Starts

Manners

Last week and this week we have been and are continuing to speak about manners.

Why are manners important? Manners show respect, gratitude, kindness and courtesy. As adults we know it is polite to ask for things in a certain way, say please and thank you and behave at a table when out for dinner. We know this because we have been taught them and practiced them throughout our years.

These early years are an important time to teach basic age appropriate manners (thank you letters for example aren't age appropriate) to help them learn good social skills, be respectful of their adults/teachers/peers and learn to also be respected and to help them learn the skills of kindness and empathy.

Role modelling is the best way to help your child learn these skills.

We have been role modelling saying 'please' and 'thank you's' and also how to ask for things in a nice way rather than snatching or saying "Give/Get me...." So by saying "Please may you pass me the...." and "Thank you for passing me the...."

If someone says "Thank you" we reply with "You're welcome"

Encouraging the children to use these words in their sentences and praising by letting them know what lovely manners they have.

We have been learning the importance of respecting the toys in Pre-School whilst playing with them and putting them away after using so they do not get broken.

Practising our table manners at snack and lunch time has been a fun activity, learning to sit and eat nicely, asking for help and tidying up after themselves. The children love to be involved in the setting and tidying up process.

As always the children are only with us for a short amount of time so it really helps to keep the consistency going at home.

- Practice: 'Hello', 'Goodbye', 'Please', 'Thank You' and 'Please may you pass me...' and so on.
- Make sure the children help tidy up their toys after playing with them.
- Role model and help them practice good table manners, sitting at the table nicely, asking for things/help nicely, putting their cups and so on away when they have finished.

Rhino learns to be polite <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdPX7USdGK8>
Table Manners for Tigers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Efu5rkXoiQQ>