

Cholsey Pre-School Newsletter

Oct 20th

What we have been doing

This week as part of Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme we have been looking at 'Spiders'

We have been speaking about spiders, where the spiders live, how they spin their webs and what they eat. Some of the children made their own spiders webs.

The children have been engrossed in role play this week, taking from their real life experiences and finding resources in Pre-School to re-create these in their play.

We have had bus tickets made from paper and given to the other children on the 'bus', a steering wheel was made from a round mark making board and the children went off in the bus to their destinations.

Children have also been recreating things they are interested in, we have had a team member handcuffed by one child who used resources from the sensory area as handcuffs, the team member had a mask put on them and was taken to jail! Other children joined in to take the team member to jail again using resources to recreate the items they needed for their play.



On our return as part of Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme we are looking at Pumpkins.

Reminders:

We have had a message from Mrs McSweeney (Cholsey Primary School Head Teacher) regarding parking outside of the school.

Please we can remind you not to park on the zig-zag lines outside of the school, they are there to keep you and your children safe and recently there have been a couple of near misses, this is deeply concerning. Can we also remind you not to park outside the gates, blocking the entrance to the school.

There is parking in the Church car park and in the car park near the library. Please do be patient and considerate when parking, we understand parking is limited in our growing village but we would hate for there to be an accident that could be avoided.

We are a Nut Free environment at Pre-School, so please remember no peanut butter, chocolate spreads or treats with hazelnuts in the chocolate, pesto with nuts in and so on, please do double check what you are putting in your child's lunch box.



To do at home:

Enjoy your half term, practice your listening skills, stick to your rules.



Our First Fundraising Event

Nearly there

After last weeks plea we have now got to 36 balloons, this is fantastic. Can we ask for one more push, to share our FB post to all your friends and family to encourage a few more balloon sales.

If you have bought a balloon you are in with a chance of winning one of 2 prizes from eco balloon, but as an extra incentive we have a small Hygge inspired hamper for the person who's balloon goes the furthest out of the Pre-School's supporters balloons.

This race starts at Dracula's Castle....how far will your balloon get?

What do you need to do? Follow the link, buy your balloon, customise your balloon then wait for the race to begin, once it has started you can track your balloon throughout the race. This is a fun activity to do with your friends and family at the same time as raising money for Pre-School. <https://ecoracing.co/cause/cholsey-pre-school-2532/>

The balloons launch at 12 noon on the 31st October.

Oral Health

As you know we sent out an Oral Health Audit a few weeks ago, thank you to those of you who sent it back to us.

After getting the forms back we were able to see what information we need to give out to you.

As we explained tooth decay in young children in Oxfordshire is on the increase and this can lead to so many issues for your child.

So, the first thing we need to make you aware of is children should have their first dentist visit once their first baby tooth has come through!

NHS Dental Care is Free for:

- Patients under the age of 18
- Patients who are 18 but still in full-time education
- Expectant mothers
- Nursing mothers
- Others receiving various low income benefits

Closest NHS dentist to Cholsey is Wallingford House Dental Practice

<https://www.wallingfordhousedental.co.uk/nhs-care/>, if your child hasn't yet visited a dentist, please do contact them and book in.

Some private dentists also offer free care for children under 5.

Did you know you do not have to use expensive toothpaste? Children under 3 should use a smear of toothpaste containing at least 1,000 ppm fluoride, children aged 3 – 6 years a pea size amount of at least 1,000ppm fluoride and children over 7 through to adulthood a pea size amount 1,350 – 1,500ppm fluoride. Some toothpastes designed for children are not suitable, neither are whitening toothpastes and mouthwashes (unless prescribed by dentist/gp).

You should supervise your children with brushing their teeth until they are at least 7 and you should brush your teeth for 2 minutes. After brushing your teeth, you should spit and not rinse.

For more information and advice, please look at our website page.

<https://cholseypreschool.co.uk/keeping-healthy/childrens-oral-health/>

Dates for your diary

Pre-School finishes for October half term on Friday 20th October at 3.30pm
October half term – Monday 23rd to Friday 27th. Term 2 starts Monday 30th.
Tempest Photo's – November 15th – times to be confirmed

Pre-School Session Times

Morning 8.45am- 11.45am

Afternoon 12.30pm – 3.30pm (Gate will open at 3.15 for those picking siblings up from the Primary School)

All Day 8.45 – 3.30pm

Breakfast Club 8am – 8.45am (Booking required by 4pm the previous day)

After School Club 3.30pm – 5.30pm (Booking Required)