

Cholsey Pre-School Newsletter



Nov 3rd

What we have been doing

We have been getting back into our Pre-School routine after the half term holiday, going over our Pre-School rules and making our choices.

We have been looking at Pumpkins, we have been talking about where they come from, how to grow them and using senses to explore the pumpkins. We explored the inside of the pumpkins talking about how it made them feel, using describing words and practicing taking turns.

The children used the pumpkins for their art, painting them, sticking paper to them and using their mark making skills to write on them.

We have been using loose parts with the playdough, exploring textures, using their senses and again practicing turn taking.

There has been lots of pretend play and group play, using their imagination and creativity in their play. We have once again had buses made from chairs and loose parts with dinosaurs being taken to the seaside on it.

The children have been using the telephone and mobile phones (play ones) to have conversations with each other.

All the play mentioned above extends the children's language and helps them practice the art of conversation, turn taking is also practiced here. All of these are skills being learnt that will stay with them throughout their future.

Next week as part of Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme we are looking at Hedgehogs and Badgers.

Primary School Admissions

It is time to apply for a Primary School place for your child, to do this please visit.

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

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<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application>

You need to do this by January 15th 2024, we cannot do this for you at Pre-School.

As you know, we have no control over which Primary School your child may get a place at, so we advise you look at visiting a few Primary Schools in advance to help you with your choices.

Reminders

Please can we ask that snacks are put in a separate bag/tub with your child's name on it. Can you also make sure water bottles have your child's name on.

If your child is ill or will not be attending Pre-School can you please text or ring Pre-School, emails are not always monitored. If we do not hear from you, we will need to contact you as part of our Safeguarding procedure.

To do at home:

Take a nature walk to practice your listening skills, stop and listen to what is going on around you.

Attendance

Why is good attendance at Pre-School important?

Good attendance builds good habits, secure relationships, self-esteem, learning and development and is also important for Safeguarding.

Attending regularly helps children with routines and learning to get up and go to Pre-School. This skill is good for when they attend primary and secondary school and college/university and then work.

Attending regularly helps the children form bonds with their Key Person, other team members and their peers. These bonds help the child during their time at Pre-School and with their learning.

Children who attend regularly and on time are more confident as they know and understand what is going on in the setting. Their self-esteem grows because they understand what is going on, know routines and can build relationships with their Key Person and their peers.

Learning and development is aided by regular attendance as we plan learning activities based on each child's needs, likes and knowledge of them.

Good attendance is important for Safeguarding, there are some factors that mean poor attendance may raise cause for concern. We must track each child's attendance and report any concerns we may have.

We fully understand your child may not be able to attend some sessions because of illness, family events or other reasons, whatever the reason is please do let us know.

Treehouse School

Are you or any of your family members who like gardening free on a Monday morning? The Treehouse School in Cholsey are looking for volunteers to help in their outside space with general gardening jobs.

This is a lovely opportunity to help a wonderful school as well as a chance to meet new people.

For further details please contact the Treehouse School
office@thetreehouseschool.org.uk

Our First Fundraising Event

The Halloween race set off on the 31st October, have you checked in on your balloon? How's it doing?

We are pleased to say this fundraising event has raised £198, this is wonderful and thank you.

Obviously the team members who purchased balloons are not competitive at all....but we will keep you updated on what is happening on our Facebook page.

Dates for your diary

Tempest Photo's – November 15th – times to be confirmed

Thursday 16th November Pyjama Day

Pre-School Term 2 finishes Friday 15th December at 3.30pm

Pre-School Term 3 starts Tuesday 9th January

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)