

Pre-School Post

Hello all

Another busy week has come to an end and it's been great to hear feedback from several parents regarding class changes, tapestry entries and more importantly how happy your children are, enjoying their learning through play.

Pre-School post will be sent out fortnightly as Tapestry will be our weekly update of events for Early Years. It is still valuable for you to read the weekly school post as this will have many dates and details relevant to both school and Pre-school.

Rainbow Rules



Some of you may be aware we have Rainbow Rules in Pre-school. These are mirrored in school and can be seen to the left.

We will be reinforcing and role modelling good practice and if we see good examples of children demonstrating good use of rainbow rules they may receive a sticker or a certificate. We will be sending home more about this in the near future.

Arrival

As COVID restrictions remain in place, we'd like to remind all parents to arrive via the MAIN GATE on Old London Road and leave via the gate by Sprat & Winkle class. This is to ensure effective social distancing measures are maintained. Thank you for your co-operation at these difficult times.

Toys

We have had an increasing number of toys bought in from home. We understand from time to time children may require a toy/comforter from home but they will be quickly put away as soon as your child is distracted. We would like to stress these toys can cause upset if lost or required to share them with others which isn't really safe in this COVID era. Please refrain from bringing toys to Pre-School unless agreed with a member of pre-school staff as a strategy for your child. Thank you!

Nursery Rhymes

Our focus for this week and next is Nursery Rhymes. We will be singing a range of traditional rhymes and reading traditional tales such as Goldilocks, Three little pigs, Jack and the beanstalk, Ten in the bed and more.

Ask your child what story they have had today. See if they can recite some of the familiar rhymes. Great language opportunities come from shared learning.

Christmas parties

As the end of term approaches I want to update you on Pre-school plans.

Our Kingfisher class party will take place on Thursday 17th December am. If your child is not normally in on this session, your child is welcome to attend. Please let a member of staff know if you would like this, to enable them to ensure numbers of party food and activities are met.

Tapestry

I hope you have all had chance to access the weekly entries we have uploaded to Tapestry. We aim to make this a regular post where you get updated on our current focus or activities of the week.

It has been fabulous to have so many comments and thumbs up! You will get an individual "wow" moments throughout the year for significant achievements and an assessment for your child. The first one will be towards the end of November.

Any technical issues please speak to Reception who can help.

Christmas dates

I hate to mention it too early but I know everyone wants to be prepared. Our Christmas traditions here at Stockbridge are a big part of our community and the experiences we are proud to provide for the children; we're determined not to let things slip even if they can't be as they usually are.

Fri 4 th Dec 2pm	Children will help grown ups to decorate pre-school and make it all festive – that way, they don't need to help decorate the tree at home!!!
Mon 7 th Dec 12.30pm	Children may bring in Christmas cards for their friends. <i>These MUST be posted in the postbox in the entrance foyer where they will be quarantined for 72hrs and then handed out.</i>
Fri 11 th Dec All day	Christmas jumper day Everyone can join in. Yes, even Miss T in her T-shirt!
Tues 15 th Dec 12noon	Xmas lunch This year, to be eaten in classrooms with festive music and singing.
Thurs 17 th Dec 10.30am	Christmas party in pre-school – please see Mrs Evan's note on p.1 about coming even if your child isn't usually in on a Thursday. Nativity film premiere – a link will be sent home*.
Fri 18 th Dec 9.30am 1pm	Last day of term Hometime for all @ 1pm!

*We usually perform a little Christmas concert for parents with seasonal songs etc which obviously can't go ahead this year. Instead, pre-school will be joining the nativity in the big school which will be filmed – we'll send home a link on Thurs 17th Dec for you to watch at home.

Consumables, bills & hours for next term

Mrs Evans, Mrs Spayes and Mrs Jefferies have been looking at the hours for next term. We have 5 new children joining us so if you're thinking you'd like a few more hours next term, please fill in a form, available in the office, as soon as possible.

Consumables pay for all the things the government and per hour funding don't cover; baking products, tools for forest school, salopettes, nappys, wipes, snack, sun cream...I could go on. Consumables are detailed in the charging policy which every parent either received in their start up pack or back in the summer depending on when you started. **Bills are payable by the end of term please**

FOSS Events this Christmas

Every parent & member of staff in the school is a member of the Parent Teacher Association by default and in the past, FOSS have been responsible for perfect Pumpkin parties, super summer sizzlers, dynamic discos and raucous quiz nights to name but a few!

The committee and I met this week as we're determined to continue to raise funds for school and bring our community together even in these strange times.

We are raising £10k to develop the adventure playground on the field for the benefit of all children.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

A poster with prices and further details is coming home with this newsletter. You can buy a Nordmann Fir (no drop needles) Christmas Tree from us by pre-order and collect it from the school car park on 5th December.

Pre-order and pre-payment only for COVID reasons. See the attached letter.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Pay £5 per family and buy into our very own Christmas Countdown!

In the last 12 school days of December, we will be opening an advent 'door' to reveal a prize each day. If every family bought a £5 ticket, we'd raise £500! If every family bought a ticket for each child, we'd raise £815 – a giant step towards adventure playground improvements.

Each morning, Mrs Jefferies and a child will open the advent door for that day to reveal a prize!

STARTS ON 3RD DECEMBER!

Tickets on sale from Thurs 26th November

COVID status

If anyone in your household is tested for COVID and the result is positive, please let us know.

We do have home test kits available if you are struggling to get a bookable test slot online or via the NHS phoneline.