

Pre-School Post

Hello all,

It is so lovely to have all the children back in school and reconnecting again. We welcome a few new starters who have been patiently waiting between lockdown 2 and 3 to start and finally have started to attend. We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have been both keyworker families supporting the community as well as those of you home schooling at home, we appreciate it has been a long and challenging time but hopefully we can begin to rebuild some normality.

Pre-school post is a fortnightly update of all that is happening and any news we need to share with you all at home. School post is weekly and has relevant dates and other information which we share so please be sure to read these each week.

It's great to be back!

Mrs Evans

Pre-School Manager

Returning to Pre-school

We understand this has been a challenging time for all the children and there is some adjustment as we return back to school. I want to reassure you we are here to support your child in your absence. We will be providing lots of cuddles, reassurance and buckets of fun and learning. If you are concerned about anything please feel free to contact school via reception. This may mean we need to call you back, our priority as always is with the children and the timing may not be convenient, or you can speak to any of the staff at drop off and collection.

My email is k.evans@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk.

You can of course contact myself and I will endeavor to get back to you as soon as I can.

Tapestry

In pre-school we are lucky to have tapestry, our online learning journals where we can share lots of pictures of what your child has been doing throughout the week with their friends. Tapestry is a safe sharing platform only viewed by school staff and yourselves. We will upload a weekly entry of a sneak peek of all we have been doing. Please share these with your children and ask them about the things they have enjoyed or experienced. If you could also give us a thumbs up (like) we know you have seen it.

You will regularly receive an entry that is personal to your own child and their learning developments as well. Feel free to upload your own entries we love to see what the children get up to at home or with family.



Spring has sprung..... We will be spending an increasing amount of time outside, or with the doors open as part of the Covid precautionary measures, ensuring lots of ventilation but also as the better weather is here many children enjoy playing in the mud kitchen, riding bikes, digging the sand, climbing and rolling down the hill in the meadow garden. Please ensure your child is suitably dressed in practical clothes ready to have fun! We do have waterproof outfits although some children prefer to bring their own. These can be left on their pegs and used as required. Spare clothes (couple of sets including socks!) wellies and spares can be left on their peg and sent home when we feel they need replenishing. All clothing clearly labelled please. We like to send them home with correct belongings but remembering a whole class and their wardrobe can be tricky!



Drop off and collection times are as follows.

Please ensure you only arrive at your specified time to ensure social distancing measures are maintained for everyone's safety. A mask should also be worn at all times. At collection your child will greet you once a member of staff is aware of your arrival.

As your child arrives, please encourage them to use the sanitiser on the wall for their hands after they've hugged you goodbye – this is a key part of our COVID safety measures.

	Drop off	Collection
Surnames A -G	8:45 – 8:50am	15:00 -15:05pm
Surnames H-O	8:50 – 8:55am	15:05 – 15:10pm
Surnames P-Z	8:55 – 9:00am	15:10 – 15:15pm



We have had fun with the parachute, playdough, home corner, exploring in the garden and some of the children met Fudge the school dog.

Can you help please?

At Pre-school we are continually looking to improve the quality of play and learning the children experience and so we would welcome your help. With lockdown many of you have been sorting cupboards and clearing out if you have any of the following items we would love to hear about it:

- Old baking trays or small saucepans
- Cooking utensils such as whisks, mashers, slotted spoons, wooden spoons, colanders
- Bowls, cups or plates. Teapots, jugs travel kettles, travel irons, kitchen scales, plastic mixing bowls.
- Corks, funnels, sieves (great for our sand and water play)
- Old children's magazines (for cutting and sticking)
- Any old children's dressing up clothes

We are currently looking to enhance our role play and mud kitchen and these things will be great. Children play very differently when presented with real objects. Please speak to a member of staff to check we can make use of your old items before bringing them.

If you have something not on the list which you think may be of use please speak to us.

Thank you for your support.

Pre-school Team.