



Pre-School Post

Hello,

I can't believe we are fast approaching the end of term and are actually in December already, where did the rest of that year go?

The pre-school has become louder and livelier with Christmas activities happening. The children are practicing their mark making for writing as they write their name and letters, wrap presents in our very own workshop with sellotape galore!

We have begun to look at winter and the environment around us. We already know we need to wear warmer clothes and have been great at putting on our shoes, hats and gloves independently. We are now turning our attention to the ice exploring play outside in tuff trays complete with artic scenes and will be making bird feeders to help our birds at this time of year as it becomes difficult for them to find food.

We have been singing our hearts out to a number of Christmas songs, whilst squeezing our number knowledge into these too. Who has got the 3 jolly snowmen song going round in their head as their children recite these!

Don't forget to post any lovely things you do over the coming weeks we love to share these with the children. This is very important ready for the return in January. It can be hard returning to school after a lovely family time. These posts help us to talk to the children about what they have been doing and are a memory jog for them too.

All that leaves me to say is on behalf of everyone at Pre-school we hope you have a Happy Christmas and not to Merry New Year.

See you all in January

Kerry Evans

Pre-school Manager

Do you qualify for a 30 hour code giving you free childcare? You can check your eligibility on:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If eligible, you'll receive a code beginning with '500...' Please hand/email to Mrs Spayes before 31 Dec.

Christmas Party

The children's Christmas party will take place on our last morning of pre-school, Thursday 16th December.

If your child does not normally attend this morning and you would like them to be part of this session, they are welcome to join. **Please let a member of staff know or email me (address is at the bottom of the newsletter.)** We need to know how many we are catering for, in preparation for traditional games and food. We also hope to have a special visitor!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Diary Dates

Please read Mrs Jefferies' diary dates carefully which will be sent out EVERY Friday – there are pre-school ones on there as well as 'big' school ones.

Tuesday 14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch (Those in for lunch this day will be automatically opted in unless you stated otherwise to school office)
Thurs 16 th Dec (PM)	Last day of term
Wednesday 5 th Jan	Start of term

School admissions

If your child is due to start school in September 2022, you **MUST ensure they have applied for their year R place by 15th January**. This can be done by searching the hants.gov.uk website and follow the steps to place your application by stating your preference of schools.

Class Dojo

We will be placing a video of the children singing at the Christmas party online for you all to see. Please also look out for the individual entries showing all the fun and learning your child has had over the past few weeks. In January you will receive a personalized assessment entry with any new targets set for your child. Feel free to add any entries from home, we can use these to help settle children back in after special family time in January.