



Pre-School Post

Hello,

We have had a great week looking at Chinese New Year. We have explored in the rice and lentils, the children loved the sound it made as it was poured on to the tuff tray (and all over the floor!) We made our very own dragon, which we attached a fabric body to and the children danced to Chinese music in the school hall. We have really seen some of the children get in to the groove with their wiggling bodies. During snack time there was noodles, rice, soy sauce and prawn crackers to taste. The prawn crackers were popular. There was a lot of fun had trying to eat noodles and rice with chopsticks and tongs. To encourage our fine motor skills we also put the stripes on the tiger by sewing. The children demonstrated good concentration and hand eye co-ordination whilst strengthening these finger muscles ready for writing and drawing. These tigers look fab and will come home soon, once we have finished looking at them on display. The role play Chinese restaurant has proved popular and the children have enjoyed taking orders, cooking and serving food to their friends.

Active bodies sessions in the school hall have really started to show us how much more confident the children have become and are challenging themselves with great climbing, balancing and jumping skills. As each week passes we see the children gain in competence, skills as well as independence dressing and undressing – are they doing this at home too? Let us know on DoJo.

Kerry Evans

Pre-school Manager

September hours

Over the past few weeks we have had a number of families make enquiries about increasing their sessions for the autumn term. If you are a family staying in September and would like to increase your days or sessions please speak to Mrs Spayes, In Reception or myself.

Sickness, Absence and Lateness

The winter bugs and virus seem to have caught up with several of us over the past couple of weeks. Please can I ask that **all** absences are reported to the school office on the first day of illness. This way we are aware of the circulating illnesses, and are informed of any absence. There is the option to leave a recorded message outside of school hours otherwise you can always call and speak to Mrs Spayes during school opening hours. You can email me using the address below.

All children are registered in pre-school at 9am and anyone after this time may be miss out on a hot lunch or be asked to sign in late at reception.



Class DoJo

Each week we place a brief entry with photos of the week's fun and learning on Class Dojo, in addition to this staff are in the process of putting together a review of our observations on your child's learning and developments seen during their time in pre-school. There will be ways you can help with some of these core skills needed to encourage your child's progress and learn in coordination with the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum with strategies used in pre-school and it would be great if you could support this at home. **Please check Dojo weekly for any new entries and feel free to add your own photos for us to see and share with the children.**

Your entries should be added to your child's profile page so Pre-school staff can see.



Dates for your diary

21 st – 25 th February	Half term week
Monday 28 th February	Inset day staff training (No pre-school/school)
Tuesday 1 st March	Inset day staff training (No pre-school /school)
Tuesday 8 th March	Parent evening (3;30-5pm)
Thursday 10 th March	Parent evening (3;30-5pm)
Friday 8 th April	Last day of term

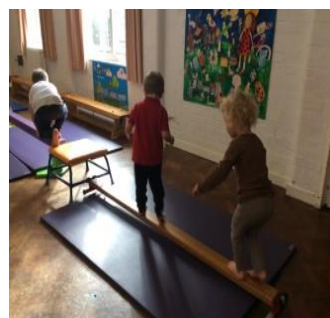
Parent evening consultations

We are finally pleased to be able to carry out our first face to face parent evenings in what has been a long time. Parent consultations will be held on two evenings Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th March. These informal chats are a valuable way of finding out how your child is progressing, and any steps we can encourage to ensure they are developing and meeting milestones, forming the essential foundations of their early year's education, both at home and in school.

A time sheet will be placed by the door over the next week for you to choose the most convenient time for you.

Please be mindful these appointment times are for 10 minutes only and any other larger matters should be made aware of and arranged to be discussed at another time.

These times are for parents only.



My email should you need to contact me k.evans@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk