



# Pre-School Post

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are in the summer term already, the weather is so changeable, I don't feel that helps convince us we are in summer mode.

The current theme we attach our learning around is a mixture of pirates and under the sea. This supports and encourages increased mathematical language which is our focus from our early years' curriculum at this time. Can your child recognize a quantity of objects (e.g. fish caught) count them one to one, size order them, describe them? "This is a star fish with 5 points", "I can see a big red fish with 3 stripes" The children have filled the water tray with boats and guttering to create channels of flowing water and races. There is also lots of discussion about which boats fit down the guttering and why others don't. To encourage size, weight, floating and sinking knowledge as well as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> numerical ordering and language.

Some children have begun creating junk model boats, why do some things balance well and others don't? How can we fix this? While others are happy fishing in the water and tuff trays with nets to see what they can catch! There are some true fisherman in pre-school who believe they have the biggest and best fish! The fish and jelly fish you may have heard about have been kept at pre-school and we hope to create an underwater scene....watch this space for pictures. We have large paper to create a big mural of sea creatures which many children talk about their chosen creature or any experiences they may have had while at the beach. One child shared with us that her Daddy got pinched by a crab – now that's what I call a real life experience!

We continue to use the school hall for active bodies this week the children used movement skills to encourage basic physical skills and co-ordination, walking like a crab along beams, jump like star fish and there was some twirling too. Some children demonstrated their confidence at roly-poly's on the crash mats.

Kerry Evans

Pre-school Manager

## Garden exploring and clothing

The children are making more use of the meadow garden and we are soon to receive our new fencing and climbing equipment for this area. We are very fortunate to have this outdoor space with the large sand pit, mud kitchen and woodland exploring.

Part of the fun is getting very messy, and stuck in!

Please be aware this is a safe risk taking area where children are able to really strengthen their large muscles carrying big planks of wood, moving and pushing tyres up hills, slide down hills and carry large pots of mud soup and other tasty delights.

Your child will need suitable foot wear and clothing with them. We aim to dress in salopettes however in warmer weather these plastic waterproofs are not the best. No best clothes at pre-school. We WILL get muddy, dirty, get minor bumps and marks we don't always know about during these learning times. If you notice bumps or marks feel free to let us know, but we may not always have completed a red slip for these slightly minor things as they will commonly happen. If we know about them we will try to ensure you're aware of them. We will of course still be completing them if there is something more than the odd scratch such as other injuries or a head bump you will be notified in the usual way.



## Dates for your diary

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July AM	Sponsored event (Details TBC)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 6pm	Parent Information evening
Monday 18th July AM	Sports day for school and Pre-school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 1pm	Last day of term / Pre-school end of year party am (Details TBC)

### Sun cream and sun hats



With the warmer weather now here, please ensure all children arrive having already had sun cream applied at home. Staff will only apply at lunchtime or if they feel it has worn off during the session from water play etc.

We have a selection of spare sun hats but if your child wishes to bring their own, please clearly label with their name. Do not bring anything too precious to school we do get dirty and messy with sand, water, paint and mud.

### Class Dojo



Class Dojo is our safe online learning journal and we aim to put a weekly entry as well as individual achievements on. Please check this regularly as this will also be where your child's development review and any other information is posted in addition to the fortnightly pre-school post.

The children love sharing their own pictures from home and this is a great way to help them gain confidence at talking in a group, as well as showing us the activities, interests and achievements they do away from pre-school.

### Welly boots

If your child has wellingtons they are able to leave at pre-school this would be really helpful. Clearly label with a marker as they don't always remember which ones are theirs. We are also on the look out to replenish our stock of spares. Children's feet seem to be getting bigger, and it is really hard to ensure we have sizes to fit everyone comfortably. Any old ones would be gratefully received.

### Up to date contact information

Please can I ask you to check we have the correct information and contact details on file. We recently have had a few parents who have forgotten to update emergency contact details following a change of phone number, or since emergency contacts have changed such as Granny has moved. This is really important should we need to contact you at any time or in the situation of an accident, illness or medical emergency.

### Ticks!

With more garden play and exploring in the woods or long grass, we must be more vigilant to the presence of ticks. Please check your child daily, as they get in the bath or shower just to be sure they don't have any. If they do, seek advice on the best course of removal. These should never be ignored or left due to the nature of them carrying diseases as well as the discomfort they can cause.

