



Pre-School Post

Hello,

The past fortnight we have been thinking about emotions and learning about how these feelings can make us feel, changes to our bodies and how we can help ourselves and others. We have looked at colour monster as part of our focus and this popular book has enabled us to share experiences that bring out different feelings.

As always at the beginning of the year it can be a challenging time, leaving parents maybe for the first time, sharing pre-school toys, realizing there are more than just ourselves that want to talk to friends and teachers and this can bring a range of emotions as children learn to wait their turn, listen to others, share items and news. We can see confidence growing both in these areas and labeling how they feel with good explanations.

During these early days in pre-school we use the time to find base knowledge in all aspects of learning and use this to scaffold next steps in progress for your child.

Kerry Evans

Pre-school Manager

School admissions for September 2024

Yes the time is approaching to think about those children who start school in September 2024.

It is recommended you view schools of your choice to help you make the right choices for your child's future schooling.

Applications open 1st November 2023

Class Dojo



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Thank you to all of you who have logged in and checked your child's account. The pictures uploaded for our family book are filling up nicely and the children have really used them to share conversations, learn about each other and settle confidently. We feel like a secure family class already despite the different attendance patterns people do, all the children are in the beginnings of making special friendships already. This is one of our top ten milestones of development in the early year's curriculum, making friends, holding two way conversations, listening to others and making their views and thoughts known.

I can see there are a few families still yet to check in, if you are experiencing trouble with this please let us know. We are happy to help.

Dates for the diary

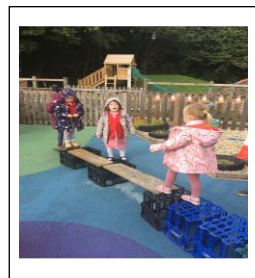
Thursday 12 th October	Parent Consultation
Friday 13 th October & EVERY FRIDAY!	Food pantry at school 9-11;30am
Tuesday 17 th October	Parent Consultation
23 rd - 27 th October	Half term week
Monday 13 th November	Inset day No school or pre-school
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need event Details TBC

Clothing

Please ensure each child has appropriate clothing including a coat and footwear with them each day. We go out in all weathers and although we do have waterproof clothes these are worn over the top of warmer layers.

We have wellies but if your child prefers their own then they can be named and left at pre-school.

Please clearly label all clothes as children do not always recognize their belongings and staff don't remember a class full of hats, coats and more. It saves a lot of time and avoids lost items if named.



Active Bodies

After Half term we will be introducing our popular active bodies' sessions. This involves a trip to use the big school hall to use the PE equipment. It makes the children feel very big and clever as they climb ladders, jump off and walk along raised benches. It also gives the children the chance to practice some important self-help skills such as removing and replacing socks and shoes. Look out on class dojo for updates on this area of physical development. We encourage independence in a range of ways in pre-school and will upload tips on how we promote this for you to try at home.

Lunches

Lunch times are a time requiring high supervision to ensure safety. If you provide a packed lunch for your child please can we ask that you cut small fruits such as grapes, blueberries, and strawberries etc length ways to avoid choking.

A reminder that we are a nut free school and this includes Nutella in sandwiches. There should be a range of healthy foods with only a small treat as a pudding. For ideas please click here <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

The food pantry is in the school carpark every FRIDAY 9-11am

You are able to purchase for £5 12 tokens which is between £10-15 of shopping.

This service is designed to help towards the weekly shop with a top up of basics.

Parent consultations

We would like to invite you to discuss your child's learning and development with their key worker. These 10 minutes chats are to ensure we are all working together to best meet your child's needs and help them reach their full potential.

Please put your name on the list outside class against a time slot best suited to you on either of the following dates: Thursday 12th October or Tuesday 17th October. Time slots are for 10 minutes between 3:30pm and 4:20 pm both days and are for Parents only.

Our Top Ten for 3 year olds Curriculum

Top 10 Aims	Educational programmes
Noticing things about the people and world around them	Understanding of the world
Join in with stories and continue rhymes	Communication and language & Literacy
Can ride a balance bike, catch a ball and make a 2 feet together jump	Physical Development
Engage in pretend play and sustain it for a period of time	PSED
Make marks for their name	Physical Development & Literacy
Know numbers to 3; subitise, 1:1 correspondence and recognise the numbers	Maths
Use mathematical language to describe an object eg. Positional language and weight	Maths
Follow an instruction that has 2 parts	Communication and language
Link 5+ words together to make a coherent sentence	Communication and language
Artwork has detail and is broadly representative of the object/person they are drawing/painting.	EAD

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