



Pre-School Post

Hello,

I can't believe it's the last newsletter of 2023. As many of us begin to reflect at the end of the year, I feel excited to watch the preschooler's continue their early year's journey with us next year. The past term has seen a big jump in the children's confidence to tackle new situations, learn social skills to communicate well with their peers and adults and already the imaginary games are amazing. Hearing the children negotiate plans and share ideas along the way. Physical skills are developing well and many of them can ride a bike (at speed!) and use their hands to build, create and explore.

Christmas activities have filled the past fortnight and everything has a tint of glitter including us! The party is next week and will be filled with traditional games, singing and dancing and food. Our Elf Edwin has been up to many antics which has provided a talking (and laughing) point for the children, I love seeing the magic and fun in the children's faces.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to hearing about your special times in January (returning on 2nd) Happy New year to you all!

Kerry Evans

Woodwork

Following a recent training day on woodwork in the Early years, the team have been gathering resources and we have extended this plea to you at home too. Thank you to all those who have donated fabric, corks, ribbon and wood offcuts already. This is going to be a valuable skill we can add to our curriculum and your children's learning potential. School budgets never stretch very far and your donations are so welcome, saving the budget for other valuable resources.

Through woodwork the children learn to concentrate and focus, take risks in a safe supervised way, use their imagination, test out theories of how to get materials to attach to one another, math's, language and communication

As part of this I would like to say a **massive Thank you to Mr Howell** who has built us a fabulous woodwork bench. It's amazing and is going to be well used. This kind gift is the essential part of our startup kit.



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

Challenging and unwanted Behavior

We understand many of you are struggling with unwanted behavior at home and this can be very challenging. We have heard your challenges and would like to offer some support with strategies for parenting unwanted behavior, children don't come with a manual but we are here to help.

Lorraine Lee has 3 children and a background in positive parenting strategies, child psychology and child development and is BRILLIANT! She's practical, knowledgeable and experienced.

THURSDAY 18th Jan @ 6pm

Here! At school

Personal belongings

We have many toys in pre-school and do not need children to bring in any from home. Please talk to your child about leaving toys at home. It causes upset when lost, misplaced or broken, sharing challenges and very time consuming at the end of the day when they are forgotten, needing to come back for them or asking staff to help look for them. This also applies to water bottles. We have a water jug available for the children throughout the whole day not just snack times.

Personal belongings will now be turned away and sent home with parents.