



Pre-School Post

Hello,

The focus this half term is looking at celebrations. In pre-school, we celebrate regularly and many of you will be aware of this as milestones are achieved such as toilet training (although these personal milestones are often classed as small scale they are a major life skill!) through to festivals and things celebrated as a community or country.

Over the past couple of weeks we have celebrated many personal achievements but also learnt about the important job people did for us who served in the war as an act of remembrance.

I was particularly proud of the children who listened and took part in a two minute silence on 11th. We were expecting a minute but so pleased they engaged for the full two whole minutes! We listened to 'the last post' from start to finish. This just shows we can sometimes underestimate the abilities of even our youngest members of pre-school and given the opportunities they often excel.

Children in need has been successful as we came together to decorate biscuits, children hosted their own pop up shop, role modelled well by FOSS, and enjoyed thinking about how some children are not as fortunate as ourselves. Thank you to all those who supported this and helped to raised a good sum of money for this charity. Thank you for being willing customers!

Kerry Evans

Pre-school Manager

Children in Need

You raised £27.61

Thank you!

Military and serving families

As part of developing and meeting the needs of all children and their families, I am currently extending my knowledge of those children whose families are Military and serve in the forces. I would welcome the views of parents to either email me, or arrange an informal chat to discuss how you feel being a child with serving parents can impact on daily life, changes to emotional regulations of all concerned, the child, parents including those who have to leave or work away even for short periods. The benefits and disadvantages. Are you a family who has had to move frequently? Or adjust to a long term absence of both a parent and a partner?

I am looking into ways we can better include into our curriculum the changes or impacts this has on our children and also educate others about this way of life.

My email is below and all responses will be confidential and shared only as part of developing pre-school with Mrs Jefferies and validators for this provision.

Dates for the next half term

Friday 6 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Carols around the tree 3.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 19 th December	Pre-school Christmas party
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term 1pm finish
Monday 6 th January 2025	Start of term Return to school

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

It's beginning to look a lot like.....

There is no avoiding the buzz of Christmas is fast approaching and it wouldn't be Christmas without the sparkle, and excitement of a pre-school party!

Pre-school party will be held on Thursday 19th December. Those children not normally in attendance are invited for the party.

Next time your child is in pre-school, please let the member of staff on the door know if your child will be attending (before Friday 29th Nov) so we can ensure we have enough food for everyone.

Preschool will provide food, fun and games and a visit hopefully from the red jolly man himself.

Those not normally in should arrive at 9:30am and be collected at 11:30am. Children who usually attend a Thursday should arrive at the usual time and collect as normal.

Clothes

The weather is getting colder and we need every child to have a warm winter coat with them each session please as we intend to spend more and more time outside. We have waterproof jackets but they are not warm and only designed to wear over the top of a warmer layer in winter.

Please can all hats, scarfs, snoods etc be labelled as finding 20+ is not a quick task and children do not always recognize their belongings especially if they are new or only just returned to the winter wardrobe.

We do have spare hats as Mrs Jefferies' mummy has kindly knitted several helping to keep us warm.

Illness or absence

If your child is unwell please ensure you contact the school office and leave a message with the reason for the absence. We understand pre-school is not a compulsory school age, but as part of your funding hours you are required to notify pre-school of the illness, this also forms part of our safeguarding and infection control measures.

Christmas Lunch

All children who attend Tuesdays are opted in for Christmas Lunch, unless you notify the school via email: adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

In the past many children have eaten things they wouldn't normally at home as they are with peers and adults who are also part of this wonderful social occasion. Mealtimes are important for healthy nutritional meals as well as social occasions.

School meals are chargeable via Scopay. School meals are £3.20.

School Year R Admissions

Reminder if your child is due to start school Sept 2025 you need to apply for their school place.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

Closing Date: 15th January 2025

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