

Pre-School Post

Hello,

We have had two parent teacher meets this week and it has been lovely to hear how happy both parents and children are and enjoying pre-school. Your feedback is always important to us.

We have spent time looking at some basic concepts and colour's. Helping children to recognize them, spot them in the setting and correctly identifying them. You can support this at home with colour hunts, spotting patterns as you sort the washing, pairing socks is always a good one for children to help with, comparing shape, size, colour etc.

Autumn is creeping in and the conker's donated to us has been fabulous to roll in the paint, down guttering, they have been well handled being so tactile and a fascinating part of nature in our sensory tray. Their spiky shells are great for encouraging language and making connections with nature.

Kerry Evans

Pre-school Manager



Morning arrivals

The mornings are a busy time as we welcome children and settle at activities starting our day. Please can children arrive promptly for a 9am start.

Late arrivals are disruptive to children already in and settled as staff are often engaged with children and called away to the door.

I know we would all want the best for our children and am sure you will understand taking registers, ordering lunches as well as helping children is best done in one hit with minimal disruption to learning intended.

Lunches need to be ordered by 9;15am

Childcare Funding

The government have opened many opportunities for parents to access funding, however there is an eligibility criteria, which is not always communicated so well in the media. This can lead to queries and frustration.

Funding for 2 year old's begins the term after your child turns 2. eg, if your child's birthday is in October the funding would begin in January. This also applies to those receiving 3 year old funding.

If you think you might be eligible, please check here: <https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working/check-youre-eligible>

Please be aware if you child attends pre-school and funding is not granted, invoices will be expected to be paid in full.

If you have a problem with payment please speak or email Mrs Spayes in the school office. D.spayes@stockbridge.hants

Coats



The mornings are chilly and the afternoons are warm, every child should now be bringing a coat to school each session. We go out in all weathers and the weather can be changeable at this time of year. We have salopettes for waterproof play to be worn over clothes.

Wellies are for outdoor exploring only and we ask every child wear trainer's or other suitable footwear they can attempt themselves to encourage independence.

Class Dojo



Thank you to those who have uploaded family pictures, it's not too late if you have yet to do this. Keep a check on your child's learning journal.