

Pre-School Post

Hello, Happy New Year to you all

It was so lovely to see the children return quickly and settle back into pre-school after the Christmas break, the best I've seen ever in my time at Stockbridge. This shows whilst a lovely time has been had by all at home, a routine and structure to your day is needed to make us feel secure and function at our best.....I know this applies to me too!

This week we have begun our Elves and the shoemaker story and our home corner has been turned into a shoe shop to enhance this learning. We are getting much better at taking our shoes on and off independently and comparing feet size and shoe matching.

The snow for the first day back was very exciting and we left big footprints around school which was fun to compare size, shoe patterns from tread as well as throw snow, scooping, patting and observing changes to both the environment around us but also our body changes. The cold turned us to dragons as we could blow off steam in more than one way!

Kerry Evans

Library Loaning

To encourage and extend children's language and understanding of words, storytelling and interest in books is one of the best ways to promote this. They are a core provision, and we read to the children at the end of each session as well as during play. Reference books are used to convey meaning, share conversations and discussions, as well as everyone loves a good story.

We will be taking the children to the school library to give each child access to loan a book for reading at home. Starting next week. We would love you to share these books with your child and return them (approx. after a week) to exchange for another. Reading a story, a number of times ensures consolidating and receiving different understanding and learning, they may even be able to retell the story events to you. A box will be placed outside for you to mark you have returned and place the book in the box. Once this is received children will be able to re visit the library with a pre-school member of staff.



Couple of Important reminders...

School application deadline is now due!

For those of you who have children starting school in September you must now have completed your application. Deadline is 15th January!

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

Prior injuries and accidents at home

Accidents happen both at school and at home. If they happen at school, you will receive a red slip with the details, or a call to parents in addition if a head bump for safety reasons. If accidents happen outside of school time you also need to inform a member of staff. Prior injury slips need to be completed by parents and these can be found outside the entrance door or by asking a member of staff at drop off..

Attendance, Absence and Timings

Your child is important to us all and we work together with parents, to ensure they reach important learning milestones in their development. Regular attendance promotes this and is expected. Pre-school age is not compulsory to attend, however if you are enrolled you have an obligation to notify us of their absence and the reason for this. This is for safeguarding reasons, and to ensure illnesses are monitored as part of infection control.

On rare occasions we understand you may need to collect or drop off outside of our session times for medical appointments. Sessions start 9am, our doors open at 8:50 and collection is at one of the following times 12pm, 1pm or 3pm. To avoid late collection charges, you must collect at the arranged time. Regularly late drop offs are disruptive to the session and children already in, learning and being supported by adults. To avoid dropping off at reception please ensure you arrive at 9am.