

Preschool Newsletter Autumn 2024

Dates to remember:

- Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 12th December
- Pantomime Friday 13th December
- Christmas concert Friday 20th December
- End of term is Friday 20th December, and will start again on Monday 6th January 2025
- We will be shut 25th and 26th December as well as 1st Jan.
- 15th January 2025- you must have applied for your child's school place by this date. If you need any help, please ask.

Key Points:

- Please could we pack some spare pairs of clothes as it's now getting muddier outside and waterproofs are not enough. As well as hats, gloves and scarves due to the turning temperature.
- You should all now have your Christmas letters, could you bring these back as soon as possible so we can work out staffing over the Christmas period.



Communication Tip

Try to get into the habit of asking them to tell you about their day, whether that's on the way home from nursery or over dinner. Let them take the lead and enjoy what a little story teller they're becoming!

Esafety Tip

Use age-appropriate apps:
Choose safe, fun and educational sites and apps for your child. Use age ratings in the app stores to check suitability.



What we have been learning

We have been working on the topic 'all about me.'

The children have all been working hard settling in, making friends as well as making relationships with Amber and Tracey. We have looked at our senses, our feelings, our family and our homes. The children have taken part in discussions about these topics as well as some great activities. We have spent some time looking at the hungry caterpillar. The children loved trying the different foods and talking about ones we like and dislike. The children have started all of their extra curricula activities e.g. golf, swimming, forest school, music and soft play. I have already seen some great progress across the board. Everybody should be so proud.

Thank you to everyone who attended our stay and play a few weeks ago. I feel it was a great success. The children coped really well and appeared to really enjoy being with their parents. It was great to see so many of you there.

Next steps:

Over the next month we will be taking part in many different activities to celebrate different festivals. We will be spending a lot of time talking and celebrating Christmas as well as some of the other festivals like thanksgiving and hannakuah We have lots of fun things planned (including making Santa's grotto) that I hope everyone will enjoy. After Christmas we will be taking the next step within our learning and development while in preschool. All preschool children have done really well at circle time, listening to conversations and joining in. From January we will start to incorporate some phonics and maths sessions to further build on children's skills as well as starting the prep ready for big school.

Ideas to try at home:

We will be using Jolly Phonics as our phonic scheme. This is because it's a very good all-rounder and creates a great base for all our children to start on. Each school will have their own phonic scheme, so this way the children won't get too confused when moving up to top school. YouTube have a brilliant video that we will be using that goes through each letter and the sound that it makes. If we could use the letter sounds rather than letter names that would be brilliant. Just watching the videos and hearing these sounds will be brilliant in getting your child used to hearing and using them.