



Hello and welcome everybody! We are in for a busy term, the big "C" word is approaching, there's lots planned and it's all very exciting for us here at pre-school, look out below for upcoming plans!

Ofsted came for an unannounced inspection at Bishops Manor last week, we are very pleased with the outcome and super proud of our team for their love and dedication. We look forward to sharing the report with you as soon as it comes along.

The children love to share what they have been up to with their families away from pre-school, please continue to upload any pictures on EYLOG which we can look at together.



Chicks News - *Our chicks have settled in really well and*

made some lovely bonds with their keyworkers. They enjoy the edible sensory trays, this morning there were jungle animals hiding in the shreddies! Some of our littlest chicks are getting ready to take those first steps which is so exciting for us all! Music is lots of fun in the Chicks room, we like using instruments to make loud noises and we love singing songs. The Wheels on the Bus is definitely a favourite! Outside we are exploring too, we love going down the slide and are learning how movement can make marks as we use the chunky chalks on the path.



Robins News - *Our ever busy Robins have a wide range of*

interests which we are celebrating and extending both inside and out. We enjoy playdough and will make our own adding colour, glitter, herbs and spices. The farm, cars and insects are some of our favourite small world activities. Outside we like to climb and jump, we use the equipment to practise these skills along with counting down to the big jump off! Sand and water is always fun and we enjoy filling and emptying different sized containers as we find out about weights and measures.



Sparrow News

Our sparrows all started back very excited all talking about bonfire night and exploring the crafts to create some lovely firework pictures. They have been enjoying all the different coloured playdough which ran alongside the emotion book and helped with discussion of how we are feeling today. They have also enjoyed learning about remembrance day, making poppies and having a walk to the Minster to add our amazing poppies to the display there. The sparrows are enjoying this mild weather and are really enjoying being outside with lots of pirates and superhero roleplay happening. Next week we are going to be learning about road safety and have some lovely activities planned, and then we have lots of fun planned for December with some important dates below.

HOME LEARNING IDEAS

Cardboard Boxes - next time you get an amazon delivery save the boxes, what could you make? a garage, a castle, a cave, a car, a jewellery box, a pen pot.... the possibilities are endless! If you have a large piece of cardboard why not draw around your child and let them colour themselves in! You could talk about parts of the body and what jobs they have, you could look at details such as hair and eye colour. Show us your creations, pop a photo on EYLOG.

An Autumn walk – *There's nothing better than kicking up and running through fallen leaves. Make a pile, throw them up, jump in them, kick them, roll around in them, laugh and have fun with your child! Take a few home to make leaf prints or a glue and stick picture. Take a bag, what else can you collect on your walk? Feathers, conkers, seed heads, acorns, sticks. Play a sorting game when you get home, count the objects, talk about which is heavy and light. Fill a bucket with water, which ones float, which ones sink. Where did that feather even come from anyway? The natural world is a magical wonderful place, enjoy it with your child :-)*

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Rip it up! - toddlers like to rip, they like the sound, they like the movement and it's perfect for developing those fine motor skills. If you've a pile of magazines or newspapers you're throwing away, give them to your little one and let them tear away!

Building towers/Stacking - no need for building blocks with this simple activity, just empty your plastic containers from the kitchen cupboards and see what you can build!

Feeding babies/teddies - pop a plastic sheet on the floor, sit teddy on, then add a bowl with water (coloured if you have any food colouring) and a spoon. Encourage your child to feed their toys - another good activity to help with fine motor!

NEWS

Howdens Joinery have supplied and fitted us a new kitchen at the Church Hall. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Stu and his team for giving us an amazing new cooking space. April has joined the team and will be our new cook over at Church Hall while Jessica has moved into the room to be with the children.

FUNDRAISING/EVENTS/DIARY DATES

The Halloween Party raised a fabulous £347- thank you so much to those that joined us, we hope you had lots of fun!

Monday 2nd December Soup and Carols in the Minster - this is a community event, we will be popping in throughout the day to join in with the festivities.

Tuesday 5th December - Sparrows visit the Nursing Home for a Christmas sing-a-long

9th-13th December Sparrows, Robins and Chicks Stay and Play Week - We look forward to you joining us any day 9-10am for a catch up with your child's keyworker and a play with your child.

Thursday 19th December 1.30pm Christmas Concert - we will be heading over to The Minster for a story, singing, refreshments and a visit from the man in red! There will also be a raffle drawn in the afternoon, with a couple of hampers up for grabs! Tickets go on sale next month!

Saturday 21st December 11am-1pm SEND Stay and Play - Hannahs termly session will be held at The Church Hall. All families with SEND are welcome.

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16th - 20th December Christmas Party Week - themed days for our final week!

Monday - PJ's and favourite Christmas stories

Thursday - Christmas Dinner and

Tuesday - Movie day with popcorn

Concert day

Wednesday - Christmas Baking day

Friday - Christmas Jumper Day, party
games and picnic lunch.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLOTHES and ACCESSORIES - Now the weather is turning colder please provide a warm coat for your child to play outside in, we do have waterproofs which we pop over the top. A spare set of clothes is also needed as we like to change children as soon as they get wet or dirty and don't always have spares. Remember to name everything including pants, socks, water bottles and baby wipes etc.

Term Dates

Fri 20th December - CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Tues 7th January - Pre-School opens

Fri 14th February - Pre-School closes

17th-21st February - Holiday Club - BOOK NOW!

Mon 24th February - Pre-School opens

Thurs 3rd April - Pre-School Closes

4th-17th April - Holiday Club - BOOK NOW!

Tues 22nd April - Pre-School opens

We have an open door policy, you can call on us anytime during opening hours, please do not hesitate to make contact if there is anything you wish to discuss regarding your child. Thank you.

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