

Newsletter



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Welcome back and welcome to our new starters, we wish you an enjoyable time with us at Pre-school!

We hope the Christmas break was both fun and restful for you and your families. We are looking forward to 2023 and the opportunities it will bring to our setting. We can't wait to start using the new garden areas, we have some new equipment on order for our physical garden and eagerly await the warmer weather so we can develop our sensory garden, not long now!

The children are settling back in nicely and have been keen to tell us what present they received from Father Christmas! Outside the Blue Sparrows are enjoying playing games such as hide and seek. They also enjoy role play doctors and are beginning to form some lovely friendships.

The Red Sparrows enjoy role play too, their favourites are babies and shops. We are using this interest to learn about road safety and develop our listening skills. In focused groups the Reds will be playing fun games to support their speech and language development as well as counting and learning number names.

The Robins' interests include Mr Potato Head, small world figures and bathing the babies in the home corner. They will be focusing on 2 stories to start with this term, "Oh Dear" and "Farm 123". We will support these with activities such as singing, animal sounds, the small world farm and happyland toys.

Ideas for Home Learning

Road Safety – You could support our learning about road safety in lots of different ways, here's a few ideas... You can show your child how to cross a road safely and the different types of crossings. You can talk about what roads are used for and what vehicles travel on roads, this may lead on to other forms of transport too! You can point out road markings and signs whilst travelling. You can make your own roads using paper or cardboard for your child's small world vehicles and figures.

In the Garden - January is the coldest month for birds, if you like cheerios for breakfast why not thread a few on a piece of string or ribbon and hang them in a tree, to your fence, or even to your window as a treat for the birds. You could collect pinecones and roll them in something sticky then sprinkle on bird seed to make easy feeders too!

CO-OP Community Fund - Have you signed up?

Please join up for co-op membership, its free, you can download the app and select us as your chosen charity. It won't cost you anything extra, we receive a % of what you spend each time you shop plus you get offers and discounts for being a member!

So far we have £130.60 in the kitty!

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If you are tidying up in the garden look out for hibernating bugs in the leaves. Ladybirds can be easily spotted, be sure to put them somewhere safe so they can finish their winter sleep.

Growing - If you like to watch things grow, try this...slice the heads off carrots or the bottoms off celery, pop them on a plate in the window and add a little water every day. Within a week they should start to sprout and develop into small leafy forests, your child can use these to whilst playing with their favourite dinosaurs!

SEND NEWS

Hannah's coffee morning went really well on the 19th December. Just a few of the services that were there to offer advice were 0-25 service, Sendiass, the Local Authority SENDCO, Down Right Special, Home Start and Castaways. Parents that attended found it really helpful. Hannah is hoping to host another morning around Easter time. In the meantime, she is a pool of information and can signpost you towards services that could offer support and advice for your family should you feel you need it. Please don't hesitate to contact her.

REMINDERS

WELLIES, SHOES AND CLOTHES - for those that come in wellies, please provide a pair of indoor shoes to help us keep the mud off the carpets. Please can everyone also provide a change of clothes and keep topped up with nappies and wipes where necessary.

COVID19, STREP A AND OTHER ILLNESSES – We have vulnerable families within our setting so ask you to be considerate towards others that attend. Please DO NOT send your child if they are unwell or need calpol before their session. We CAN NOT administer Calpol unless prescribed for a specific reason, please DO NOT put it in your child's bag.

Diary Dates

Pre-School Closes – Friday 10th February

Feb Holiday Club – Monday 13th – Friday 17th February - time to get your name down!

Pre-School Opens – Monday 20th February

Pre-School Closes – Friday 31st March and re-opens Monday 17th April

Easter Holiday Club - 3rd-6th and 11th-14th April - book now to secure your place!

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