

Preschool Committee

Committee Update

Did you know our Preschool is run by a management committee of volunteers? We plan and organise fundraising activities as well as provide support and direction for the management and staff of the Preschool.

In order to run our preschool we have to have three key officers; A Chairperson, a Treasurer and a Secretary; and a group of other committee members who are willing to help out, fundraise etc.

Our AGM is on the 22nd October 8pm in the Baptist Church school rooms – this is where the new committee will be elected so if you are willing to be on the committee please attend the AGM.

If you are interested in joining the committee next year or want to know more about what is involved for any of the roles please email preschoolcommittee@outlook.com

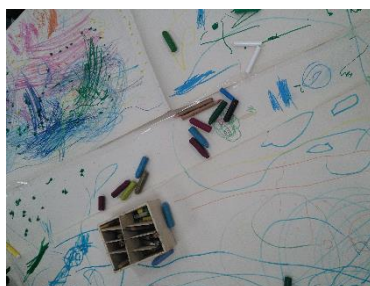
NEWSLETTER

10th October 2019

This week we have been talking about teamwork and the importance of helping our friends. We saw the importance of this when we went to the park with the Wise Owls on Wednesday. The children were helping each other to use the equipment as well as working together to negotiate space to make sure everyone had a safe and fun time.



In the room the children have been enjoying working with different mark making materials to create individual pictures as well as a large scale drawing. The large scale drawing helps to encourage gross motor skills which will later be refined into their fine motor skills for writing.



Following the Children's Interests

At Preschool we do not focus or plan for topic work instead choosing to follow the children's interests and daily leads. We find that this way of working encourages deeper understanding and greater interactions from the children as they are directly interested in what we are learning about. This is a recognised and preferred method of learning by Ofsted.

Staff regularly observe, assess and record the children's development on Tapestry and plan for their focused next steps accordingly. If you have any questions regarding this please speak to your Key Worker.

What do you see here?



If you see a big mess, look again! We see the aftermath of the children re-enacting their train journey to Rugby (which was over two weeks ago). What started off as a simple train track developed into needing farm animals and hedgerows; diggers and cars; houses and tunnels and a camel because apparently we saw one of those on the train too!

Was it a mission to tidy away?

Not at all, all of the children worked together to collect the trains into one box, then the tracks, the wooden blocks and the farm animals. All tidy within 5 minutes.

What did they learn?

Critical thinking, working together, listening to others, recalling and talking of events that are important to them, selecting resources for play and we had LOTS OF FUN!

Marking the Seasons



On Wednesday we spoke to the children about the changing seasons. Linda had collected some leaves on her way to Preschool for us to look at. The leaves were different colours but the same shape so we think they came off the same tree. Harlow told us that the leaves are falling off the trees because it is Autumn time. In the afternoon we decided to go for a walk to see if we could find some more leaves to add to our display. We also learnt a new word, Hibernation! Which is when the hedgehogs go to sleep for a long time, "it's more than 40 minutes but not a year". Linda told us that the hedgehogs would be going to sleep until Spring time. This has left us with many questions which we hope to answer in the coming days.... Where do the hedgehogs sleep?

Do they get hungry?

What other animals hibernate?

And most importantly, if the hedgehogs are asleep at Christmas, does Santa still deliver their presents?

The children have been asked to have a think about what they would want in their room if they were hibernating for Winter. We look forward to hearing their ideas in the coming few days.

Parents Evening at Preschool

We will be holding a parents evening from 3.20-4.50pm on Wednesday 6th November. This is open to all children and is an opportunity for you to talk to your keyworkers. Letters allowing you to book sessions went into the children's drawers on Monday and a copy is attached to this newsletter. Please return this to us by Thu 24th October.

Sensory Equipment



Over the summer holiday we received a delivery of sensory equipment, including a pop out blackout tent as well as various lights and balls. This space provides us with an area where we can do quieter, focused work with smaller groups/individuals.

We were able to purchase this equipment with match funding from one of our parents. Many thanks to Abi Curtis's mum for making this application for us from Coventry Building Society.

We have been fortunate in the past to purchase other equipment using such schemes. Such as the outdoor equipment with money from the Nationwide scheme. If you are a parent who works for a company with a similar scheme please let us know. We are able to help complete the paperwork.

Tempest Photography

Following Tempest's visit yesterday the children's photos have been passed to parents. The simplest way to purchase your photos is to go online but if you prefer to return the orders to Preschool please do so with your payment by Wednesday 16th October.

Facebook Page

Are you aware of our Facebook page? If not please look us up and give us a like. We put lots of photos and information about what the children are up to each day. We use this to let you know about up and coming events and as we get into snow season if there any closures.

CALLING ALL PIRATES UNDER 5 YEARS OLD



You are invited to join us for a



Pirate themed story time Session



Come in your pirate fancy dress to receive a small gift



Raising Money For The Crackerjacks Children's Trust

Tuesday 22nd October 2:30 – 3:00 pm

At Long Buckby PreSchool, Market Place, Long Buckby

Donations Welcome to The Crackerjacks Children's Trust

Dates for the Diary

Term 1

Wed 16 th Oct	Last day to return Tempest orders
Tue 22 nd Oct	Pirate Day and Book & Biscuit session (2.30-3)
Tue 22nd Oct	Preschool AGM
Thu 24 th Oct	Preschool Closes

Term 2

Mon 4 th Nov	Preschool Opens
Wed 6 th Nov	Parents Evening
Mon 11 th Nov 6pm	Infant School Open Evening
Tue 12 th Nov 9.30am	Infant School Open Morning
Sun 8 th Dec	Preschool Christmas Concert
Fri 20 th Dec	Preschool Christmas Party
Fri 20 th Dec	Preschool Closes

Term 3

Mon 6 th Jan	Preschool Opens
Wed 15 th Jan	Final day for school applications
Fri 14 th Feb	Preschool Closes

Term 4

Mon 24 th Feb	Preschool Opens
Thu 2 nd Apr	Preschool Closes

Term 5

Mon 20 th Apr	Preschool Opens
Fri 22 nd May	Preschool Closes

Term 6

Mon 1 st Jun	Preschool Opens
Fri 17 th Jul	Preschool Closes