

NEWSLETTER

22nd October 2020

Wow, what a busy first half term back at preschool we have had. It has been so fantastic to have the children all back together and to hear the preschool room full of chatter, laughter and fun. The children have been working hard to developing their social skills, firming new friendships and reigniting pre-lockdown friendships.

This week we have been exploring pumpkins, using them to roll around and test our muscles before finally breaking them open to see what's inside. It was great fun and is really good for strengthening little fingers and curious minds.

On Wednesday the children braved the rain and had a fantastic afternoon out in the fields surrounding the village. We are so fortunate to have so much greenspace to explore and it is so important that the children have the freedom to run, splash and have fun. We came back to Preschool a little wet and muddy, some of us more than others, and the children all agreed that it was a brilliant afternoon and that we need to go again soon.

For those children who enjoyed their time jumping the puddles you may be interested in entering the Virtual World Puddle Jumping Contest at Wicksteed Park. Entries close 2nd November for more details visit the Wicksteed Park Facebook Page.



Preschool AGM

The preschool AGM will take place on Tuesday. Thank you to all those who attended. Details of your new committee members will be sent out after half term.

PE returns to Wednesday Afternoons

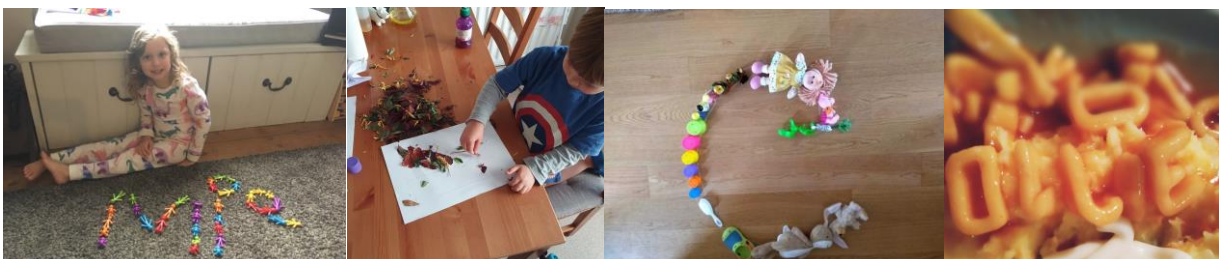
We are excited to see the return of our PE sessions with Mr Perks in November. If your child attends preschool on a Wednesday afternoon please ensure that they have a PE kit sent in (to be kept at preschool) and that they have suitable footwear for the session. These sessions with Adrian have proven to be very popular with the children in the past and help them to develop so many new skills as well as try out lots of new sports and equipment.

Sessions will run in line with our Covid risk assessment and all the necessary precautions will be taken. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Morris the Monkey says Top Banana



Morris would like to say a big well done and thank you to the children and their families who have been taking part in his weekly challenges on Tapestry. He has been really impressed with the imaginative ways that the children have been forming their letters and has enjoyed handing out his superstamps. If you haven't already taken part be sure to log in to tapestry each Monday to see the latest challenge.



Fundraising

Preschool Fundraising Group

Did you know that alongside our main committee we also have a group of preschool friends who are constantly looking for new ways to raise vital funds for preschool? If you are interested in joining this group, have any fundraising ideas, or if your workplace is able to offer financial support, please let the office know and we will pass your details on.

Thank you to Sarah Timbs (Cillian's Mum) for presenting our Thank You card to the Long Buckby Ladies Football Team on Sunday.



Virtual Pumpkin Carving Competition

We have a SPOOKTACULAR virtual event for you this October. Why not join in with our Pumpkin Carving Competition. Entries cost just £2 with all proceeds going to Long Buckby Preschool.

We have four categories:

• 0-4 • 5-7 • 8-12 • 13+

So no matter your age we would love to see you get creative and send us in your photos.

Please send your name and age along with a picture of you and your pumpkin or a picture of the pumpkin on its own (photos will be uploaded to our Facebook page), to longbuckbypreschool@outlook.com or via Facebook Messenger for no later than 8pm on 31st October. Your entry money should be placed in a sealed envelope with your name and age clearly marked on the front and posted through the preschool front door. Entries made without payment will not be accepted.

Pictures will be posted on to our Facebook page on 1st November and the pictures with the most likes in each category will be the winner.

You are more than welcome to share your picture, however, make clear to your friends and family that they will need to like them on our original post in order for the like to be counted.

Votes will end on Thursday 5 November and we will announce the lucky winners of each category on Friday 6 November.

The winners will each get a prize and certificate.

Joules Sale

Fantastic news! Tickets have now all sold out for this event. We do have a reserve list should you still be interested.

Dates for the Diary

Term 1

Thu 22 nd Oct	Preschool Closes
Fri 23 rd Oct	Teacher Training Day
Sat 31 st Oct	Entries close for pumpkin competition

Term 2

Mon 2 nd Nov	Preschool Opens
Wed 25 th Nov	Joules Seconds Sale
Fri 18 th Dec	Preschool Closes

Term 3

Tues 5 th Jan	Preschool Opens
Wed 15 th Jan	Final day for school applications
Fri 12 th Feb	Preschool Closes

Term 4

Mon 22 nd Feb	Preschool Opens
Fri 26 th Mar	Preschool Closes

Term 5

Mon 12 th April	Preschool Opens
Fri 30 th April	Teacher Training Day
Mon 3 rd May	Preschool Closed – Bank Holiday
Fri 28 th May	Preschool Closes

Term 6

Mon 7 th June	Preschool Opens
Tues 20 th July	Preschool Closes



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Does your child turn 4 on or before 31 August 2021?

Deadline: 5pm Friday 15th January 2021

It's time to apply for a Reception place

Children First Northamptonshire www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions Northamptonshire County Council

The advertisement features a blue banner on the left with the text 'APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE'. To the right, a green banner contains the question 'Does your child turn 4 on or before 31 August 2021?'. Below this, a white box with a green border contains the text 'Deadline: 5pm Friday 15th January 2021'. At the bottom, a green banner says 'It's time to apply for a Reception place'. The footer includes the 'Children First Northamptonshire' logo, the website 'www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions', and the 'Northamptonshire County Council' logo. There are three circular images: one of a young girl smiling, and two others showing children in a classroom setting.