

## NEWSLETTER

30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

“I’m making chips!” On Friday some of the children were cutting up potatoes in the home corner to make chips, whilst others did not realise that chips were made from potatoes. What followed was a member of staff helping the children to make chips, and cook them in the oven, to allow them all to enjoy a chip or two, and a slice of bread for snack. This is a perfect example of what preschool is all about, following the children’s play to develop their understanding and broaden their experiences.



Elsewhere in the room this week we have enjoyed a yoga session, and it is fantastic to see the children develop the listening and concentration abilities as well as their physical abilities. We have also re-introduced a mindfulness session on a weekly basis. These sessions are an excellent opportunity for the children to take a few minutes of quiet time and to listen to a guided meditation session, especially for children, on YouTube. The children appear to really enjoy these sessions and are always keen to participate.



After listening to a story about taking care of hedgehogs the children were asked to design their own hedgehog houses on Tuesday afternoon. They were encouraged to think about the size and shape of the house as well as the materials that it would be constructed from. One child then went on to create their design in the woodwork area and was very excited to take it home to put in her garden.



## Valentines Disco – Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2-4pm

9 sleeps to go. Have you got your dancing shoes out yet! Tickets are still available so don't forget to come in or email us.

A single ticket is £5.00, additional tickets are charged at £3.50 or you can get a family ticket (up to four children) for £15.00. Your ticket guarantees lots of dancing, fun and games and children's refreshments! We will also have a raffle to win a children's hamper, tombola, jewellery for sale and facepainting. The ladies have got their dance shoes polished and look forward to seeing you all there!!

## New Preschool Waterproofs

We now have enough waterproof clothing for all of the children at preschool and will no longer need them to be sent in from home when we go out on our adventures. Following discussions with the children it was decided that it is better to have trousers and jackets rather than the all-in-one suits, "it's easier if I need a wee!!" These items were bought using the money raised through the Co-Op fundraising scheme, so a big thank you if you supported us.



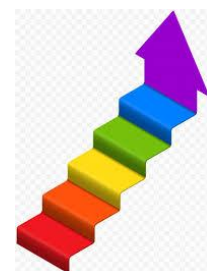
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Congratulations to George who was chosen as this week's Star of the Week. George received this for a fantastic conversation that he had with one of our younger children. George was able to tell her all about our recent trip to Mill Park and used some brilliant describing words. Well done George, and yes, we did have the best day!

Thank you to Jake and his family for sharing their pictures of Ollie Bear's week with them. It looks like he had lots of fun.

## Safety on the Stairs

Can we please remind all parents that the children must not play on the stairs when waiting to come in to preschool in the morning. We have spoken to the children during preschool time about this and will be doing some 'stair safety' work in the very near future with them.



## Current Co-Op Total



Our current total is £104.70

## Wise Owl Scones



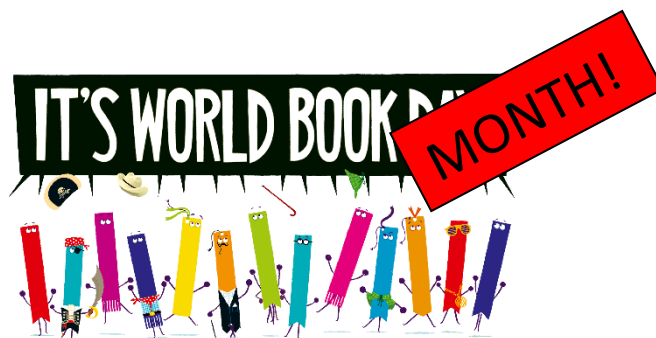
On Wednesday our Wise Owls made cheese & courgette scones for snack, they proved to be such a success that they children asked to make another batch to share at home.



## World Book Day

The first World Book Day was organised by UNESCO in 1995 and was aimed at creating a love of reading and books in children. Unfortunately, World Book Day has become less about books and more about dressing up. In response to this preschool has decided this year to make a change. Launching when we return from half term on Monday 24th February, we shall be having a whole month of book related fun. We do not want to stop children from dressing up on World Book Day but our focus will most definitely be on developing an enjoyment of books and stories, in their many different formats, rather than who has the best costume.

Over the course of the month we shall be looking for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to come in and share their favourite stories with the children, so please let Linda know if this is something that would like to do. We would also love a visit from a real life published author or illustrator so if you know anyone, please let us know. More details to follow, we just wanted to make you aware so that those who would normally be in on a Thursday do not feel obliged to buy a costume.



## Dates for the Diary

### Term 3

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Valentine Disco
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Preschool Closes

### Term 4

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Preschool Opens
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Wise Owl Mother's Day Afternoon
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Preschool Closes

### Term 5

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Preschool Opens
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Preschool Closed
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Preschool Closes

### Term 6

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Preschool Opens
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Preschool Closes