

# NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020



On Friday of last week we went in search of hungry ducks and splashy puddles! We also found snowdrops hiding under hedgerows and talked about how in the story 'Jack Frost' the snowdrops signal the start of spring (fingers crossed!!).



This week the children have taken part in a musical activity in the garden, where they investigated the different noises made by tapping various objects. This has been followed up in an activity with Colin the Crocodile, best friend of Morris the Monkey, where the children have been making different noises with the bodies, such as clicking, clapping, stamping etc....



On our creative table we have been working together to create some large scale drawings using a variety of paintbrushes and water colour paints. This type of open activity

encourages co-operation and sharing of both resources and ideas, and is especially good for helping the children to realise that they are not always able to take home everything that they make, or help to make, in preschool.



In our focused Maths work, Jane has been working with the children to develop their number recognition, matching and counting abilities as well as introducing new mathematical

language such as "more than and less than" to the children. The Wise Owls were able to put this work in to practice when walking back from Mill Park as we counted the sheep and cattle in the fields.



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



Don't forget to get your tickets for the Valentine Disco. 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 be running a children's raffle and facepainting. The ladies have got their dance shoes polished and look forward to seeing you all there!!

## Thank You

Preschool would like to say a big THANK YOU to The Peephole for very kindly purchasing a new chair for us to use in the homecorner. As you will no doubt have noticed at the beginning of the day, the chairs are very popular.



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Congratulations to Jake who was chosen as this week's Star of the Week. Jake received this for fantastic number work, being really helpful and trying to be independent. Well done Jake!

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

## 500ml Bottles & Magazines

We are planning an activity which needs lots of 500ml clear bottles with lids. If you can collect them for us and bring them in next week that would be great.

We are looking to add some more magazines to the rack in the homecorner, if you have any old magazines (Home, hobbies, cooking etc) not comics we would love to add them to our collection. Recently the children took delivery of two copies of the children's National Geographic magazine and these have proven very popular.

## Current Co-Op Total



Our current total is £103.62

Allison Piotrowski, Preschool Manager

Hayleigh Butler, Chairperson



## Wise Owl Mill Park Trip

The children had a fantastic day at Mill Park.

This morning we looked back on yesterday's photos and these are the memories the children have.



"We made magic potions for Mrs Gruffalo to make the winter go away. She have Linda some stuff, but she couldn't do the magic as she isn't little. There was Frog Snot, Soot from Santa, Dragons Blood and Unicorn Tears. We said ziggity, zaggity, zog, we want sunshine not fog!"



"Mrs Gruffalo has lots of pets and we made houses for them."

By Holly

"Me and Carter made a awesome house for a tiny bear"

By Cillian



"We made bird feeders cos they were hungry."

By Jake



"We put sticks in the water to see if they would float. Mine was a really, really big stick, but it didn't sink."

By Oliver



"We had hot dogs for snack. They are yummy and I want them again!"

By Evelyn



"Carter had his bin-ock-u-laass with him and we looked through them. We could see two miles."

By Finn

"We chose where we wanted to site for lunch. Most of us sat inside, but some of us had an outside picnic and talked about the birds we could see and the different noises we could hear."

By Linda



## 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
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