

NEWSLETTER

20th November 2020

Old MacDino had a Farm, E-I, E-I, Roar!!!!!! The children have been enjoying joining in with our new story this week. It has given them the opportunity to show off their dinosaur knowledge, recall skills and imagination as they transformed the story in to their small world play.

We have recently been donated some paper punches which the children have been using in their arts and crafts. The small punches are brilliant for developing little hand muscles so if you have any hiding away in the back of a drawer at home we would gladly rehome them, especially if they are Christmas ones!!

We were also donated a new number jigsaw. It came in a bag, with no instructions or pictures, however our resident jigsaw lovers didn't take long to sort solve it and for some the sense of achievement was clear to see 😊



Christmas at Preschool

Preschool Christmas Party – Friday 18th Dec, 12.30-3pm – Repeat of email sent Mon
Our Christmas party will be on the final day of term Fri 18th Dec from 12.30-3pm. All children are invited and it is not a charged session. If your child does not normally attend this session please let us know if they will be coming by email. Children who are coming just for the party will need to arrive by 12.30pm. Children do not need to bring packed lunch that day as the party food will be provided at no cost by Preschool (pizza, hotdog, chips & baked beans). We will have a visit from Father Christmas via a recorded message. His gifts will be handed to the children by the Preschool Elves.

We are coinciding this event with Christmas Jumper Day, which actually takes place the week before, so please dig out those winter woollies and bring your £1 donation for Save the Children.

Introducing.....Helen Babb



Helen is one of four public health nurses who offer support and assistance to families in our area, alongside a qualified community nursery nurse. Preschool has excellent links with the health visitor team and is happy to welcome Helen in to our setting on a regular basis to ensure that our families are getting the support that they need. For more information please visit www.facebook.com/healthvisitors or www.nhft.nhs.uk/O-19. More support is also available from the Strong Start Team www.facebook.com/StrongStartTeam or www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/early-years/strong-start.

Run Forrest Run!

Our very own Elizabeth Collins is taking part the End to End Land's End to John O'Groats Virtual Run. To quote Liz, "I don't run, to be fair I barely walk anywhere and I sit at a desk all day every day for work. So 874 miles will be a huge challenge for me. All of these miles will be ran, some of them will be slow and I am sure many of them will be painful but I will complete this challenge in a respectable timeframe." Liz is hoping her efforts will raise £874 for preschool and we would like to ask you all to support her if you are able. She has set up a justgiving page <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mad-runner-liz> as well as a Facebook page to keep you all updated with her progress <https://www.facebook.com/RunFRun2020/>

Fundraising

Joules Sale

Covid restrictions permitting, the Joules Sale at Long Buckby Community Centre will be taking place on Wednesday 16th December. All tickets will automatically transfer top that date unless you contact the Preschool email (longbuckbypreschool@outlook.com) to request a refund. Re fund requests must be received no later than 5pm Friday 27th November.

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets started going home with the children yesterday so please keep an eye out for your brown envelope. Each child has five strips of tickets to try and sell. Tickets are sold £1 each or £4 for the whole strip. Please write a name and contact telephone number on the left and portion of each ticket sold and return these to preschool with any money collected. Tickets can not be entered in to the draw without these details. If you need more tickets to sell please let the office know and we can send some more home. Prizes include adult and children's hampers, book, alcohol, chocolates, a scooter, M&S vouchers and lots more.

Dates for the Diary

Term 2

Wed 16 th Dec	Joules Seconds Sale – Rescheduled
Fri 18 th Dec	Preschool Christmas Party
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'. The main body has a green background with white text. On the right, there is a circular image of three children smiling. At the bottom, there is a white banner with a circular image of a young girl smiling, and logos for 'Children First Northamptonshire' and 'Northamptonshire County Council'.