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Topics for Term 2

Monday 1 November - Friday 17 December 2010

Dear Everyone

We hope you have all had a good Autumn break and are looking forward to returning to pre-school for Term 2.

Pre-School Termly Clean

Our sincere thanks go out to all the staff and parents that helped to clean and tidy the pre-school on **Saturday 23rd October**. Your help is greatly appreciated by all those involved with the pre-school.

Autumn Lunch

Many thanks again to everyone that helped towards making the Autumn Lunch on **30th October** such a huge success. There was a large turnout of people attending the lunch on the day. Our thanks goes to the small team of dedicated volunteers that worked very hard to organise the event, everyone that helped on the day (and the night before) and to everyone that provided delicious food for the event.

Topics and Planning

As a staff team, we have been working closely with Wiltshire Early Years to update how we plan the curriculum for the children. Current recommendations for good practice supports the move away from topic based teaching for children of pre-school age. Planning will now be based around the needs of the children, their interests and how we can build on their current knowledge. Adult initiated activities will be more teaching-based with a specific learning objective. There is a possibility your child may bring home less items of artwork as the activities will be more aimed at increasing your child's knowledge, rather than the production of an end result. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to Claire or Sarah Bishop, our Wiltshire Early Years Advisory Teacher who will cover this subject in more detail at the Parents' Evening.

Sponsored Halloween Walk

Please remember the Halloween walk is on this **Wednesday 3rd November**. If your child does not normally attend pre-school on this day, you will need to stay and accompany your child. It would be really exciting for all the children to dress-up for the walk - but don't forget wellington boots and a coat! This is a sponsored event and the more money we manage to raise the more improvements we can make to the pre-school.

Parents' Evening

The date for Parents' Evening has been arranged for **Thursday 11th November at 7pm**. A notice will go up shortly, so you can book a time slot to speak to your child's key person. Sarah Bishop, our Advisory Teacher will give a short talk at 7pm on the Letters and Sounds phonics system and how to plan from your child's interests. This information will be invaluable in understanding how the pre-school supports your child and how you can further support their development at home.

Boots and Coats

Please can you remember to bring in a **coat** for your child **every day** as outside play is essential for their learning and unfortunately we do not have any spare coats. Also as the garden is getting very muddy at the moment, please could you provide wellington boots **instead** of shoes, for outside play, and slippers (or an alternative) for inside.

Thank you for your continued support and making Jen and Danielle feel welcome and supported in their new roles within the pre-school. If you have any concerns about your child or the pre-school please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Many thanks

The Pre-School Staff Team

Claire, Jen, Becci, Danielle, Emma C and Emma B