

Winter News



We are really enjoyed our people who help us topic. Our role play area is a Drs Surgery and the children are thoroughly enjoying using all the props. Tina brought in a real stethoscope which was a hit with the children.

We incorporated lots of different learning around fireworks from colours, sounds , craft and mark making. We also looked at safety and linked it to our people who help us topic and discussed the role of the fire fighter.

The children have learnt about road safety, we have discussed the role of a lollypop person, understanding traffic lights and they have really enjoyed putting their learning in practice with our own preschool interactive traffic lights and bikes.

We have looked at changes in the environment. The children really enjoyed making a giant hedgehog from leaves collected from the woodlands and playground.

We continue to explore a variety of instruments within the setting, this helps children identify different sounds. This all builds upon the essential reading skills needed for school. For example helping them to distinguish between different sounds and letters.

Moving on from Autumn we have now began to look at colours. You may have seen the simple colour wheels that the children have created. We are also looking at blending and mixing colours. Using various different resources such as cornflour, food colouring, paint and pens.

Other areas of learning include Diwali and Remembrance Sunday.



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Key Dates

**Tuesday 17th or
Wednesday 18th
December 9.15 to
10.30 Christmas
craft stay and play.**

**19th December
Christmas party.
9.15 to 11.15**

**Cake sale 19th
December 11.15-12
19/12/19 Closed
from 12PM**

**8/1/19 first day new
term.**

**17th-21st February
closed Half term.**

Sat 29th Feb

**Sponsored walk.
Details to follow**

If you have a recognised celebration/ festival that you would like us to acknowledge, please let a member of the team 1

Home Learning

Physical Development—Health and Self Care is one of the prime areas of learning within the early years foundation stage. Ideas to support physical development (independence) at home

include:-

Putting Coats on— Children often use the “super hero” method, which involves putting the hood on their head and putting their arms through after.



Exploring using media and materials— Linking in with our current topic, you could explore colours in the environment with your child. Such as discussing the change in colour of the leaves and trees whilst out and about.

Letters and Sounds — Listen to a variety of music and songs, see if you can identify different instruments and talk about the pace of the song. We are beginning to look at rhyme, you can support this through nursery rhymes and story books.

Working Together

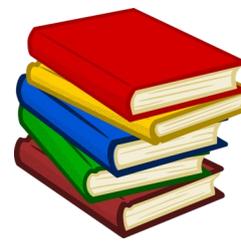
We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to our recent AGM. If you were unable to attend and would like to join the committee please see George, Rachel or our new chair Lizzie Johns.

We understand the importance of working closely with families, you know your child best. Please try and keep your key person informed of any changes in your home life such as a new baby, moving house or losing a pet. You may think things are trivial but they can have an impact on your child's day.

If you ever have any concerns please speak to your key person. If your key person is unavailable or you would prefer to talk to somebody else Rachel or George are always available in person, phone or email.

Thank you to our families for your continued support with various jobs. We will regularly post small jobs outside that parents and children can support us with to keep our preschool clean tidy.

Hot Topic



Reading Together

Reading to young children is an important part of their language development. The more you read to your children the more knowledge they absorb. 90% of a child's vocabulary comes from new words in story books. This exposure to language is vital to give building blocks for the future. Please utilise our home learning library, to support with a variety of stories. We just ask for a one off £1 donation for the book bags

Christmas Cards

Every Christmas we encourage each of the children to make a Christmas card to send home. We then take small groups of children to the post box next to St Michaels school . The children are able to see the process from start to finish. In order for this to continue each year we ask for a small donation towards the cost of the stamp and envelope. Suggested donation 60p. We will have a tin for donations starting the first week December.

Christmas stay and play

We will be holding a craft stay and play on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December 9.15-10.30. If either of these are not your child's usual session your is welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by an adult. Due to restricted numbers we do need to restrict parents to one session only.

Christmas Party

All children will be invited to our Christmas party on the last day of term followed by a cake sale which will be run by our fabulous committee. Letter to follow.



Polite reminders

To ensure that we safeguard our children please do not go into the children's toilets. Should your child need the toilet and want you to take them please use the disabled toilet.

No mobile phones inside premises please.

Please be punctual at the start and end of the session. This does have an impact on how our sessions run. If children arrive late it can be unsettling for some of our children, especially those who struggle when parents leave. It also takes a member of staff away from the room which prevents them from supporting the children's learning.

Lunch times – We are aware not all children like fruit/ veg but please put something in their lunch box even if it is just one carrot stick or a slice of cucumber. Please also remember to slice all grapes and cherry tomatoes. Please ensure your child has a drink with their lunch.

In order to help your children to become more confident and independent, please ensure you dress them in clothes that they can manage independently such as tracksuit bottoms, leggings, Velcro shoes etc..

Trays—Please check your child' s tray each day for work and letters.

Parking—Please do not park on or block the preschool drive at any time.



Best wishes the Preschool team.