

Term 2 November 2017

Long Wittenham Pre-School Newsletter

Hello Everyone:

We are well into Autumn and the children have been enjoying learning about the changing seasons. We had great fun with our large pumpkins. It was lovely to see the children concentrating and taking care as they hammered nails into the pumpkins and drilled them full of holes.

I have only recently joined the pre-school as Admin Assistant but I can already see that the classroom resources are really great and I love to see how inventive the staff are in the activities they plan and provide for the children. Like the children I do enjoy my mornings in the classroom!

We will be starting on all the Christmas crafts soon and I am sure we are all looking forward to seeing all the wonderful creations that the children will be making.

How Parents Can Help:

We often need extra resources. We are going to put up a list on the Parent's information board and we would be very grateful if you could look at the list and help provide the extra resources for us. This term we need Junk Modelling so please bring in any empty and clean boxes and packaging.

News Updates:

As you will know from previous parent emails we are very sadly having to say goodbye to our lovely Vicky at the end of the term. Although we have been advertising for a new Manager to take on Vicky's role we have not had any suitable candidates apply for the job. Until we are successful in finding a new Manager Karen Stevens will be stepping up to take over the Manager role from January. Karen has lots of experience working in Early Years and has become a very popular member of staff so we are confident that she will do a brilliant job very ably supported by the great team that make up our pre-school.

Upcoming Events

18th November: Nearly New Sale 10 am - 12

5th December: Committee Meeting 7.30 pm The Plough, Long Wittenham

7th December: Child Progress Chats 12 - 1 pm in the Village Hall, please put your name on the sign up sheet which is in the classroom

14th December: Christmas Sing Along at Forest School. 9.30 am - 12.00 at the Forest School Site. Parking at the Pendon Museum, hot chocolate and mince pies provided. Come and join the fun.

15th December: Christmas Party with Little Dudes Disco and Father Christmas. The session is normal time for the children, parents are invited to join us from 10 - 12 am.

Please see the sign up list for food that we are asking parents to provide for the party.

15th December End of Term

New Term Starts Thursday 4th January 2018

Other Information:

Just a reminder to please provide appropriate clothing for the children now that the weather has turned so much colder.

Please do speak to your Key Worker if you have any concerns about your child. There is also lots of information on Tapestry, your child's online learning journal.

LEARNING RESOURCES: If you are looking for ideas and play activities to engage in with your child you can register at www.parentsintouch.co.uk for free downloads including help with getting your child ready for school, how to help your child with phonics & words, and ideas to help with maths concepts at home.

There are also lots of fun activities on the Preschool Alliance site <https://www.familycorner.co.uk> as well!

School Applications:

The online primary school applications for next September is now open for children who will be 4 by 31 August. Make sure you don't miss the January 15th 2018 deadline. You can apply by going on the OCC school admissions website.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Happy Birthday to the following children who are all celebrating their birthday's this term:

September: Poppy Molly

October: Michael Dylan Tristan Edith Bethany

November: Freddie Molly Estyn Theodore Eleanor

December: Milly Fredrick