



AUTUMN TERM 1

newsletter

Monday 3rd Sept - Friday 25th Oct 2024

WE ARE LEARNING

This half term we are looking at 'Colour and Shape'. We will focus on a colour each week and use these alongside shapes to build and be creative with. We will be exploring body parts and our faces too. The children will be introduced to Makaton, which we use throughout Pre-School focusing on days of the week and key words each week alongside our focus stories and songs.

Week 1: Red Week - supporting new starters, following rules and instructions

Week 2: Blue Week - turn taking and Pre-School rules with a trip to the park Friday pm

Week 3: Yellow Week - Physical activity focus with trips to the school hall

Week 4: Rainbow Week - Come dressed as your favourite colour all week. The Gingerbread Man story. There will be a trip to the woods on Wednesday

Week 5: Green Week with a focus on playing with others and a trip to the woods on Thursday

Week 6: Woods Week (see more overleaf)

Week 7: Pink/Purple Week - children to share their special shoeboxes (more information to follow)

Week 8: Orange Week - some Halloween activities to carve pumpkins and make soup. Duck feeding trip Tues AM

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Welcome back after the holidays and a big hello to all our new starters! Each term you will receive a newsletter to tell you all about things we are doing at Pre-School and special dates. Save it to your computer, request a paper copy, or see our website www.rollestonpreschool.co.uk We also display photos of our current activities so make sure you check this and our Facebook page out 😊

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 3rd Sept: Welcome back to Pre-School

Wednesday 18th Sept: Pre-School AGM where everyone is invited to see how our charity is run and how to get involved 😊

Monday 7th - Friday 11th Oct: Woods Week

Friday 11th Oct: Family Bingo - A Celebration of 50 years of Pre-School

Saturday 19th Oct: Family Photo Day with Richard Greenwood 9.30am - 12.30pm

Friday 25th Oct: Last day of Term

HALF TERM Monday 28th - Friday 1st Nov

Thursday 31st Oct: Halloween Disco 1pm til 3pm

Monday 4th Nov: Pre-School reopens

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Halloween Disco has been booked! Join us for some spooky fun and dancing at **Rolleston Scout Hut** on **Thursday 31st October** from 1pm until 3pm. Come in fancy dress and join in with the competitions and games. Matt from PartyRoo will be joining us for a glow disco too! Ticket prices to be confirmed. We are very much looking forward to it 😊

FAMILY BINGO

As part of our celebration '50 years of Pre-School' we are hosting a Family Bingo. Please join us at Rolleston Cricket Club on Friday 11th October to start at 7pm. There will be lots of bingo fun and games, plus the chance to win some amazing prizes in our 'Grand Raffle'. More details coming soon 😊

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KEY PERSON

We are looking forward to our returning children becoming Pre-Schoolers and seeing how they have changed over the holidays. We are also excited to welcome our new children and find out more about them as we build relationships. Please feel free to ask your child's key person any questions you may have. We also welcome any ideas to support the teaching and learning you may have - from songs and stories to activities. We would love to include them in our plans!

PHOTOS

On Saturday 19th October, Richard Greenwood will be here to take photos at Pre-School. There will be a sign-up sheet of 10-minute slots between 9.30am and 12.30pm. This will be a chance to have group photos taken. Places go quickly!

JOIN OUR COMMITTEE

As Pre-School is a registered charity, we rely on the hard work and dedication of our Committee to help us to run. We are always looking for new members to bring their skills and time to support us in whatever ways you can. Please come along to our welcome meeting to find out more about this at Pre-School on **Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm**

DONATIONS

To support our tactile and baking activities we are looking for donations of any of the following items:

Cornflour / Rice / Pasta

Buttons / Beads / Newspaper

Plain Flour / Self-Raising Flour / Caster Sugar

Baking Powder / Raisins / Cake Cases

GINGERBREAD MAN

At Pre-School, we send home Gingerbread Man (AKA Gingie). He loved to go on adventures to the children's homes and comes with a book to record what you have been up to together. Everyone will get a chance to take Gingie home, but if you would like to request a special date please let us know so we can make it happen 😊

WOODS WEEK (WEEK 6)

We have developed our Woodland Adventure Activities at the Junior Site Spinney with Mrs Croxall as our Forest School Leader. We will be going to the woods at big school for Woodland adventures every morning this week. Children will need **wellies**, long trousers, long sleeves and waterproof clothing. Please bring in **spare clothing** to change into in a **named bag**. A spare named plastic bag for muddy clothes is needed too. We will be enjoying all the woods has to offer so this can get rather muddy!

We will be exploring how to transport items, move in different ways and managing safety in a new environment.

We like to give children special snacks during Forest School week, to keep them extra warm on cold days. If you feel you can **donate** any money towards this there will be a donation pot during dress up week in **Week 4 (23rd to 27th September)**

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REMINDERS

- The car park is for staff only please. Do not use it for dropping off or collecting children
- Please use ice packs in lunch boxes if your child is staying for lunch.
- Please ensure that all coats, clothes and lunch boxes/bags are labelled. Help your child to familiarise themselves with their belongings too please

MATCH FUNDING

Do you work for a company that is able to match fund? If so, we would love to hear from you! In the past we have had the support of match funding to double money raised at specific events. This is incredible for Pre-School, as we rely on fundraising to keep us going 😊

LIBRARY BOOKS

Every child will be given a book bag. Please can you bring it along to every session. This ensures any letters or work can be taken home. The children are welcome to choose a library book from the box at Pre-School as often as they wish. Feel free to do this when dropping off to find the perfect bedtime story!

FUNDRAISING

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Fun Day at the end of last term. We raised £296! This is great and will be put to good use Please keep an eye out for future fundraising events scheduled throughout the year!

We also raised approximately £120 in commission from our Graduation photoshoot we had at the end of last term with Richard Greenwood. We earn 20% commission from any photographs purchased, so will let you know how much we raise this term!

INVOICES

Each half term, if you are paying fees, you will be issued with an invoice during the first or second week. We accept cash, childcare vouchers or you can pay online. Please speak to Mrs Melia to set this up. If you are using your government grant, please return the form each term and sign where highlighted.

CLOTHES BANK

Did you know we have a clothes bank on the carpark of the Spread Eagle in Rolleston? Pop in your unwanted clothes and shoes to help raise money for Pre-School 😊

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