

October Newsletter 2016 - Number 1

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

The children enjoyed their autumn walk around the village. We noticed that some of the leaves on the trees had started to change colour and we also noticed that there wasn't many leaves that had fallen on the ground, perhaps it was because we were experiencing much warmer weather than last year.

I was very proud of our children at Harvest Festival on Monday, they all joined in with singing, offering their food and listened to the children who talked about the meaning of Harvest Festival. Well done!

Activities

This week and next we are exploring 'Stories'. Following on with the Harvest theme, we plan to read 'The Little Red Hen', thinking about why it is a good idea to help each other (at Pre-school we call this team-work). The children will have the opportunity to make some bread and bring it home to share with you.

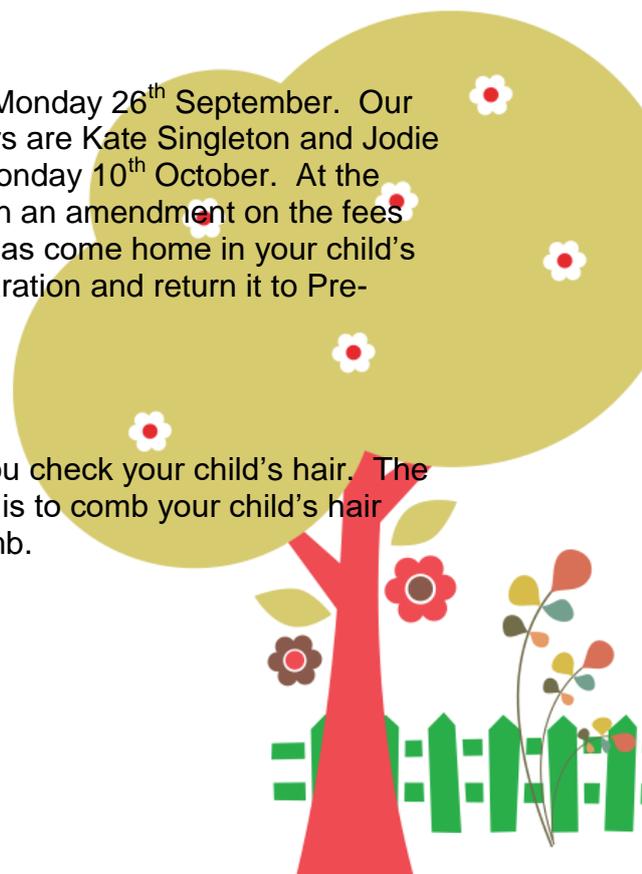
We also plan to explore the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and will encourage the children to work together and problem solve in building a Bear Cave. We are focusing on the beginning, middle and end of the story with discovering ways to suggest a different ending.

Committee News

Thank you to the parents who attended our AGM on Monday 26th September. Our new chair is Anna Greensmith and the new Treasurers are Kate Singleton and Jodie Higgs. I will update the committee notice board on Monday 10th October. At the meeting we discussed the policies and there has been an amendment on the fees policy and also an afternoon session contract which has come home in your child's book bag. Please can you tear off the Parental Declaration and return it to Pre-school by Friday 21st October.

Head lice

We have received a case of head lice. Please can you check your child's hair. The easiest way to ensure they do not become a problem is to comb your child's hair regular when covered with conditioner using a nit comb.



Coats

Now that the weather is turning cooler, please remember to bring your child's named coat to Pre-school as well as putting it on the blue trolley in the entrance hall. The blue trolley is wheeled into the main Pre-school room and when the children want to go outside they are encouraged to put their coat on by themselves, supporting the children to become independent.

Children starting School in September 2017

The deadline for applying for your child's place at your chosen First School is 15th January 2017. For the children who are starting school in September there is leaflet in your child's book bag discussing ways on how you can support your child to be 'school ready'. If there is any part of this leaflet that you would like to discuss please speak to your child's key-person.

Fundraising

Fundraising is vital to our Pre-school; it enables us to purchase new equipment for your children. In your child's book bag there is a flyer called easyfundraising which raises money for our Pre-school whilst you shop. Please do support us!

On Saturday 12th November Pre-school are holding a Barn Dance, this was very popular last year and great fun. Please do join us, more information to follow.

Lastly, you may be aware Ofsted inspected us on Friday 23rd September; we should receive our report soon. I will let you know our outcome and recommendations in the next newsletter. Thank you to all the parents who spoke to Ofsted.

Kind Regards
Karen

Dates for your Diary

Friday 21st October – Last day of the half term and newsletter with the Ofsted outcomes and recommendations

Monday 31st October – We return after the half term break

Saturday 12th November – Barn Dance (more information to follow)

