



Hemyock Pre-School

Newsletter - Autumn Term (2) 2017



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This month's theme

'The Giant Carrot'

The children have really enjoyed making leaf piles and this activity has promoted lots of gross motor skills as they sweep, scoop, rake and push/pull the wheelbarrows. As there are still many leaves to fall, this activity will continue.

This half term we are promoting listening and attention activities which will involve listening to sounds, stories and exploring with different instruments.

Our role play area has been transformed into a fruit and vegetable shop, giving the children the opportunity to handle real fruit and veg. The shop has had to restock most days as the children decide to eat the produce!

We will also be preparing for the festive season and craft activities involving sequins and glitter will be on the agenda, so apologies now for surplus glitter ending up in your cars and homes. We will end the term with our Nativity Play.

Our Learning will include
Listening to stories and rhymes.
Creating movement to music.
Acting out a narrative.
Exploring different sounds and instruments.
Catching and kicking a ball.
Building with blocks and shapes.

Collection times - 11.30am, 12.45pm and 3.15pm.

Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at the appropriate time. If you are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, please ring to let us know.

EVENTS:

Children in Need: Week commencing Monday 13 November -Friday 17th November 2017. The children can wear fancy dress clothes and donate £1 for the privilege. We will also be asking for donation of cakes and will sell them after Pre-School (3.15pm) on Friday 17th November 2017.

Parents Evening: Tuesday 21st November 4.30 pm - 6.30pm. Please allocate a time slot for when you would like to attend.

Christmas Quiz: Saturday 25th November in the village hall. Starts at 7.30pm. Teams of Six. £100 prize. Food and bar.

Christmas Party: Tuesday 12th December 2017 in the school hall at 12.30pm. A buffet lunch will take place followed by fun and games. There will be a food list prior to the event taking place, asking parents to donate something for this party.

Nativity Play: Friday 15th December 2017 in the school hall at 11.00am. We will inform you regarding your child's part in the play in the next couple of weeks.

Reminders

Achievement Tree - The purpose of the tree is for parents and staff to record on the leaves the moments when your child makes you and us say 'Wow'. Please can you help us to fill the tree by popping any achievements that your child is proud of, onto the leaves, leaving them on the tree?

Holiday animals- Our holiday animals love to travel with the children, we ask that they record the experience in the travel book that comes with them. So, if you are planning a trip, please see a member of staff who can then make arrangements for this to happen.

Labelling - Please ensure that all your children's belongings are labelled especially drink bottles and lunch boxes.

Water bottles - We would appreciate if only **water** is provided in the drink bottles as it is recommended by the dental organisation that children only access juice type drinks at meal times. Water and milk are always offered at snack time.

Coats and Wellies - Please can all children bring a coat every day due to the unpredictable weather and also wellies so they can access the 'muddy area'.

One-way system- During drop off time and collection time, please adhere to the one-way system that operates by entering via Parklands and leaving through Logan Way, therefore, reducing congestion. Please be respectful of the residents living here and keep their drive ways clear at all times.

Allergies - Please be aware that we have children with **kiwi and nut allergies**, we ask that you please refrain from putting these products in your child's lunch box.

Final note.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Duck Race., the event raised a total of £1028. We also ran a bar at the Full Moon Ball and this raised at total of £1206 and the Halloween Dance raised £1147. Thank you to everyone who dedicated their time and hard work at this event.

May we take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2018.