

# Hemyock Pre-School

## Newsletter

### Spring Term (1) 2018

This month's theme is  
'Helping others'



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The children have settled back into Pre-School very quickly after the festive break. We would like to welcome four new children to our setting and take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy new year.

This term we are learning about 'people who help us' and 'helping others'. We are hoping to have a visit from the police, the fire service and a paramedic this half term. If anyone has any contacts with people in these services, please can you inform a member of staff. We will be promoting our rules and boundaries, discussing how to treat our peers with kindness and respect.

We will also be having a focus 'maths week' which will encourage children to learn about numbers and shapes in exciting ways.

Our physical activities will involve climbing and traveling over different equipment to promote the children's gross motor skills.

**Our Learning during the Spring Term will include:**

- **Demonstrating friendly behaviour.**
- **Discussing our rules and boundaries.**
- **Exploring and learning how sounds can be changed.**
- **Using shapes appropriately.**
- **Reciting numbers in sequence.**
- **Moving freely with confidence in a range of ways.**

#### 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 do ring to let us know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

#### EVENTS and IMPORTANT DATES:

**Pre-School Bingo:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the village hall. Doors open at 7.00pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. **Afternoon tea:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Healthy Living Centre. More details to follow.

The **Christmas Quiz** raised a total of £1070.00 and the raffle at the Nativity play raised £72.00. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. The fundraising team raised a total of £3500 during the Autumn Term. Many thanks to this hardworking team.

**Half term starts** on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018. We return to Pre-School on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

## **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. 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 child's belongings are labelled especially drink bottles and lunch boxes.

**Water bottles** - we would appreciate it if only **water** is provided in the drink bottles. 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 to pre-school every day due to the unpredictable weather and also wellies so that they can access the 'muddy area'.

**One-way system** - during drop off time and collection time, please adhere to the voluntary 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. Please can you also refrain from putting nut related products in their lunch boxes such as Nutella spread and peanut butter.

**Lunch Boxes** - we have noticed some children bringing in more than one chocolate product in the boxes. We wish to promote healthy lunches and therefore would prefer to see fruit, veg and healthier options. We are delighted to see children bringing in grapes and cherry tomatoes but can we ask that the grapes are cut length ways and tomatoes cut into smaller pieces, as lunchtimes are extremely busy.

**Clothing** - We would appreciate it if children could wear clothing that encourages their own independence, for example loose fitting trousers and shoes/boots that they can cope with. This is to prepare them for primary school. Staff are happy to assist the children but also wish to encourage their self-care skills.

We are grateful with your support with all the above and thank you in anticipation of your continued support, thank you.