



## Hemyock Pre-School

### Newsletter - Autumn Term (1) 2017



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### **This month's theme**

'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

A 'big welcome' to all the new children starting Hemyock Pre-School this term. Already they have settled in very quickly and seem to be accessing all areas of the setting.

#### **Staff Changes**

During the school holidays, Adele Rowe was offered a post at a 'special education needs' school in Exeter, where she will be able to continue to make use of her Speech and Language Degree. We wish her all the very best with her future career.

Jacey Broom, Katie Drew and Sarah Goodwill (foundation teacher) are working alongside the children this half term.

#### **Our Learning will include**

Counting and shape activities,  
Using Language and their imagination to retell the story  
Talking about their emotions  
Using cooking tools make porridge and oat based cakes  
'Relax Kids', which is mindfulness for early years  
Environment walks to collect Autumns' natural harvest.

**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.

## **Duck Race**



**EVENTS: Duck Race- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 2pm at the river bridge, followed by cream teas in the Healthy Living Centre. Everyone welcome**

We would appreciate if every child could sell five ducks, please check book bags for these tickets.

We will also be part of our school Harvest celebrations, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October in our school hall, 3pm - 4pm.

## 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.

### **Diary Dates:**

<b>24th September</b>	<b>Duck Race</b>	<b>2pm</b>
<b>18th October</b>	<b>Harvest Celebration</b>	<b>3pm</b>
<b>17th November</b>	<b>Children in Need</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>21st November</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>	<b>4-6.30pm</b>
<b>12th December</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>12pm</b>
<b>15th December</b>	<b>Christmas Assembly</b>	<b>11am</b>

### **Primary School applications**

For reception starters born between **01/09/13** and **31/08/14** the primary application facility will open on **15th November 2017** and will close on **15th January 2017**.

**<http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline>**

### **Final note**

We would like to express our thanks to Mel Augias, Keian Gaywood and Katie Trebble for all their time and dedication raising funds for our Pre-School and also to the Kunda family who sponsored many of our events last year. We now have a new fundraising team who would welcome any members of the community who would be prepared to assist them with fundraising activities.