

Welcome

All the staff would like to send a warm welcome to all our new children and their families, as well as a welcome back to our returning children.

FaceBook

Please follow us on Facebook.

Carole updates Facebook regularly for everyone to see what has been happening at Pre-School. The link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/Witchford-Rackham-Pre-School-126256634094602/>

Our Facebook will have updates regularly about what is going on at Pre-School and will advertise our Fundraising events.

Every week we put onto Facebook a snapshot of what we did/what the children chose this week' as not all of our activities are observations on Tapestry and we would like to keep you informed about the current themes and interests the children have at pre-school.

What have we been up to

Our children have been really interested in our wormery. We have bought some new additions after some of worms escaped over the summer.

The children have enjoyed pirate role play and we made pirate hats and hunted for treasure on "Talk like a pirate day".

The children are settling in and are starting to explore our resources, we have been making the most of the good weather while it is here so a lot of learning has been based outside with the worms, bug hunts, road works role play and the sand and water trays. Inside we have had crafts, paint, play dough and lots of dressing up.

Bringing toys to Pre-School

We are aware that some children would like to bring toys in to show us or are reluctant to leave home without their favorite toy, however we have lots of toys at pre-school and it can be difficult to find toys that are brought in as they usually get put down when the child goes off exploring. Please can you ensure your child keeps their own toys at home. Some children still need to have comforters and we are not stopping them from bringing these into the setting, however can we ensure that these are small enough to be placed into their trays or in their backpack on their pegs.

Sponsored Walk

Some of the staff and committee will be doing a sponsored walk on Sunday 13 October. We will be walking a half marathon, based on the old Grunty Fen Half Marathon route. We are hoping to raise enough money to buy a stage/cosy area for our garden. Please look out for updates and posts about our progress and how to sponsor us.



Committee

Our AGM was held on Thursday 19 September. Our committee now comprises of nine trustees, however we are still very much in need of a Chairperson who should be a parent or family member of a current child. There is a wealth of support for anyone who takes on this role. If you would like to find out more please let us know and we will pass on your details to our Committee. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17th October at 8pm.

Gate and Back Door

Please can you ensure when dropping off your children for AM and PM sessions as well as lunch club that the gate is closed.

In addition please can you ensure when leaving the pre-school building that you close the door behind you. This will help to keep the children safe and secure until all parents have left and staff are able to go and lock the gate.

Important dates

Friday 18 October – last day of term. This will be a fancy dress day. More details to follow.

Friday 1 November – Halloween Bingo at the village hall, doors open 7pm.

Saturday 23 November – Xmas Fayre at village hall.

Friday 20 December – Xmas tree lighting on Victoria Green

Reminders

1. If your child isn't going to be at Pre-School due to being unwell (cough, cold, temperature, sickness bug) or spending time with family please can you make sure that you call Pre-School to inform us. If on the day your child doesn't turn up and we haven't heard from you we will make a call after an hour in to the session to make sure that your child is okay.

2. Please could you ensure that your child's water bottle is clearly labelled. Some of the children are coming in with the same drinks bottle and we do not want children drinking from the wrong bottle. We would like to remind you that children should not be bringing in fruit shoots or fruity drinks like this, it should only be water or if needed then weak diluted squash. When the children start Primary School they will only be allowed to have water within their bottles.

3. Please can we ensure that when packing children's lunches you are using the sheet which was provided to ensure you are providing a healthy balanced lunch for your child as well as keep the prohibited foods/drinks out.

Here are some of the prohibited foods and drinks mentioned:

- Chocolate bars such as; mars, dairy milk, twix etc
- No nuts or nut based spreads in sandwiches.
- Fizzy drinks
- Meat on the bone
- No chocolate spreads.