

Newsletter –November 2018



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Information

Please follow us on Facebook.

Nicola 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.

Weather

The first day of starting the new term and we have already experienced our first frosty morning. Please can you ensure that your child brings with them a hat, scarf and gloves and a warm coat as we will be going out and exploring the outdoor environment in all weathers.

Christmas card designs

All sample cards were placed into book bags/ trays on Monday afternoon along with an order form. Please can you ensure that completed order forms with payment are in by Friday 9th November.

Halloween Bingo

Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us for our Halloween Bingo on Friday 26th October or who donated a raffle prize for the event you helped to raise over £500.

Student

We have a student called Amy from Cambridge Regional College who started with us on Thursday 1st November she will be doing all day on a Thursday and a Friday. The children are have already taken to her and are welcoming her into the group.

Raffle Prizes

If you, your business or anyone you know would like to donate a raffle prize for one of our upcoming fundraising events then please bring it to Nicola at the Pre-School or pass on to a member of the committee.

Gate and Back Door

Please can you ensure when dropping off your children for AM and PM session as well as lunch club that the gate is closed correctly by sliding the bolt across.

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.



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What we have been up to in October

We have been fortunate enough to be able to go and look at the changes that have been occurring outside as we enter Autumn through going on a walk in the village and going to explore the school field. The children collected leaves, conkers and sticks whilst on the walk and then once back at Pre-School had a discussion about what we had found. From the items we found on our walk we have had tuff trays set up with the materials in for the children to explore and talk about further.

Before half term we started to look at Halloween and what this is. We have created ghost pictures, witches hats, spiders from conkers and spider finger painting.

The children have been busy joining in with lots of craft activities in the craft room as you can see from "Our Gallery" display board.



What is coming up in November

The children have already begun to talk about fireworks, how noisy and colourful they are. If you do go to watch a firework display please upload photos to tapestry or email them to Nicola. We can then use these pictures to create our own firework art work.

We are fortunate to be able to have Mrs Melody come in to do a fun active singing/dancing session with the children. We had her come twice in July and the children who attended Pre-School then really enjoyed her coming so we have asked her to come back again.

Children In Need is on Friday 16th November. Children can come dressed in their pyjamas for the day donating £1 to charity. We will be having a picnic snack and if the children would like to bring their favourite teddy along to join in with this then they can.

Over October Half Term

Children have been busy over the half term break creating their autumn collages from the materials they collected when out on a walk. As you can see they look fantastic. We have some laminated leaves, leaf rubbing pictures as well as collaged hedgehogs

Important dates





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Parents evening: We will be holding parents evening on Monday 12th November 4-5pm and Tuesday 13th November 7-8pm. Sheets will be placed on the parents board in the entrance corridor from Monday 5th November for you to write your name in the time slot with your child's key person. If you do not always come into Pre-School and would like to book a time slot to see your child's key person then please email Nicola to check availability.

Children In Need: Friday 16th November. The children can dress up in their pyjamas for the day donating £1 to charity for this and bring in their favourite teddy for a special teddy bears picnic snack which we will be holding both in the morning and afternoon.

Christmas Concert: Wednesday 12th December in the afternoon. Within the original term dates you were given it stated Tuesday 11th December as a provisional date for the Christmas concert, however we have changed this to the Wednesday, I wanted to give you plenty of notice so that if working you could arrange time off to come to the concert.

The committee will be serving coffee and cake in 'The Village Inn' after the Christmas concert.

Christmas Parties: 19th December 2018. Keep an eye out in trays near the end of November for an invitation to the parties (if your child does not attend a session on a Wednesday) and the party food to bring along for the party.

Last day of term: 19th December 2018

Fundraising

Christmas Fayre: Sunday 25th November at Witchford Village Hall from 1-4pm. Entrance is 50p per adult, children go free.



Christmas crafts that the staff will be doing at the Christmas fayre are; Making reindeer food and decorating ceramic Christmas tree decorations.

Some of the stalls which will be at the Christmas fayre are;

- Santas grotto
- Tea/coffee and cake stall
- Raffle
- Name the bear
- Guess the weight of the cake
- Guess how many sweets in the jar
- Glitter tattoos

Christmas shopping stalls include;

- Flamingo paperie
- Party lite
- Arbonne
- Harry Potter themed boxes and signs

Chocolate decorations
Hair bows and Accessories
Neals Yard remedies
Jewellery
Hand Made cards
And lots more.



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We have Photographvie bringing her Christmas pop up photoshoot to our Christmas Fayre on 25 November.

If you are interested in having a festive photo of your children please follow the link below to choose your timeslot and pay the £5 booking fee. Digital images are £10 each and there is no obligation to buy.

<https://photographvieavailability.as.me/witchfordpreschool>

EASY FUNDRAISING

Witchford Rackham Pre-School needs your help!

Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you shop online. It won't cost you a penny extra. Show your support here, <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/witchfordrackhamps> and help make a real difference.

My Name tags

My Name tags is a company who create labels with your child's name on which can be used on any item (shoes, drinks bottles, clothes, books, pencils etc). These help minimize lost property. There are some leaflets within the entrance corridor which give you information on making a purchase. My name tags also helps to raise funds for pre-school as long as you quote our school ID number.

Our School ID is : 15511

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.



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.

4. We are aware that some children would like to bring toys in to show us or a 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.

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