

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

What we have been doing:

This month the children have been very busy getting Pre-School ready for Halloween. They have made some wonderful ghosts and pumpkins as well as decorating the windows with Halloween stickers.

Despite Christmas being a little way off yet, the children created some lovely Christmas cards. The proofs have now been sent home and orders will be sent off before half-term. Please remember to return your orders by Wednesday 21 October.

We have started our 40 year celebration activities and the children have been taking part during sessions. There has been lots of clapping, jumping, running and sliding going on in the Pre-School. Please remember the 40 year treasure hunt over half-term, a copy is included in this Newsletter. Children can be sponsored via our JustGiving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rackhampreschoolfortyyears>

We are trying to introduce more resources whilst following Government guidelines. The children have especially enjoyed playing with the gravel and stones. These are quite hard to clean so we are limited in the amount of time they can be available. The gravel along with everything used during session is disinfected every night. If they are not suitable for cleaning they are put aside and quarantined for at least 72 hours.

We have been making a lot of use of the outside area, including the mud-kitchen. Please remember that we try and get out in all weathers, so please send your children in coats and appropriate footwear. If you have a spare pair of wellington boots you can leave at Pre-School that would be great.

The committee have been working hard to organize a Halloween pumpkin trail and scavenger hunt. There are great prizes available for the best decorated house as well as sweets for the children that take part. Please see the poster attached to the newsletter or visit the Pre-School supporters Facebook page.

FaceBook:

Please follow us on Facebook.

Carole updates Facebook regularly for everyone to see what has been happening at Pre-School. You can search for Rackham Pre-School or follow this link:

<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.

We also have a separate fundraising page that gives more detailed updates on our fundraising events. You can search for Rackham Pre-School supporters or follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/175043419879781/photos/p.371898783527576/371898783527576/>

Tapestry:

Just a reminder that you can add comments and even post your own observations onto Tapestry. It is a great way for us to see what your child has been doing and is interested in at home.

We are now using the “care diary” option on Tapestry to notify you of any nappy or toileting accidents. You will get a notification from Tapestry to let you know when we have done any changes.

Important dates:

Half-Term Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October

Pumpkin Trail and Scavenger Hunt – Saturday 31 October – Please follow the link to our Pre-School supporters page for full details

Parent consultations – we are hoping to hold these the week commencing 16 November. These are likely to be held remotely and we will send out details nearer the time.

Essentials donations:

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone that has donated to our JustGiving page or purchased items on our Amazon wish list. We really do appreciate all your support, especially in the current climate.

JustGiving:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wrps-supporters1>.

Amazon wish list:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1YJR6XBOVO4SM?ref_=wl_share

Fundraising while you shop:

Ways you can raise funds for Pre-School while you shop.

EasyFundraising:

Fundraising is a little difficult at this particular time, whilst we're unable to hold events in person. The school is now registered with easyfundraising, so you can raise FREE donations for us when you do your everyday online shopping. All you have to do is find the retailer you want to shop with on the easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you!

Sign up for free at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/witchfordrackhamps/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n3

AmazonSmile:

Shop on AmazonSmile
at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/803398-0>, and Amazon
donates to Witchford Rackham Pre-School, at no cost to you



My NameTags:

My Nametags allows you to design nametags for your child and raise money for the Pre-School at the same time. Simply place an order quoting our ID number: 15511

<https://www.mynametags.com/>

Committee:

Following a successful AGM we have a full committee with a new Chairperson and Treasurer. Details of our committee members can be found on our website at:

<https://witchfordpreschool.co.uk/about/committee/>

You can contact our committee by emailing our current committee on wpscommittee@gmail.com



TREASURE HUNT

TREASURE TO FIND	TICK WHEN FOUND – REMEMBER WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE A PHOTO ON TAPESTRY
1: A piece of red wool	
2: A milk bottle top	
3: A stamp	
4: A newspaper clipping	
5: A photo of you	
6: A leaf	
7: A birthday candle	
8: A button	
9: A stone	
10: A yoghurt lid	
11: A shell	
12: A straw	
13: An egg shell	
14: A piece of lego	
15: A pompom	
16: A pipe cleaner	

TREASURE TO FIND	TICK WHEN FOUND – REMEMBER WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE A PHOTO ON TAPESTRY
17: Piece of tissue paper	
18: A sweet wrapper	
19: A twig	
20: A penny	
21: A snail shell	
22: A conker	
23: A feather	
24: A woodlouse	
25: A cobweb	
26: A flower petal	
27: A stripey sock	
28: A match stick (ask your grown up for help with this one)	
29: A shoe lace	
30: A piece of kitchen towel	
31: A ring	
32: A pencil	
33: A slug	
34: A fire engine	
35: Sunglasses	
36: A piece of bark	
37: An acorn	
38: A twig	
39: An autumn leaf (red, orange or brown)	
40: A daddy long legs	