

# Pre-School Room

Week 3 Autumn Term:  
Monday 17th September  
2018

## Parents Weekly Newsletter

This week's newsletter is retrospectively, due my absence on Monday and Tuesday. Many of our children love playing with trains and often talk about their experiences on local steam trains and journeys they have taken. With this in mind, the staff have set up a ticket booth in the role play area. Some children have been pretending to be the ticket assistant, selling tickets and booking journeys. While others, have been collecting toys from around the room, packing holiday bags and arriving at the ticket station ready for their holidays. It been lovely to hear snippets of their personal experiences in their conversations with staff and children joining in the role play. At the moment, one of our children has puppies at home and playing 'doggies' is proving to be a popular imaginative game at the moment. We will endeavour to change the role play area regularly so it links to the children's interests.

The sensory tray filled with shaving foam has been a popular play choice this week, especially for our younger ones. And making playdough cakes has been fun too. In the science area the children have been investigating which toys are magnetic. The reading corner has been resourced with picture books about families, to link in with our All About Me theme. It's lovely seeing some of our older children tuck the little ones up with blankets and proceed to read to them.

On Wednesday morning, we have visited the Hidden Haven. This week we collected nature things to make a picture. We were slightly hampered by wild wind and lashing rain; so we will redo the activity next week!

### Outside Play Space Update

I met with Mr Barfoot, the headteacher last week, to discuss ideas for developing our outdoor play space. We have been allocated an area of land, currently not used, by the old pond. Our committee has secured funding to have this overgrown space cleared. It will be redesigned to incorporate a shed and further play space for the children. We are very grateful to our treasurer, Fiona Renkin, who will be co-ordinating this development. Mr Barfoot has also kindly given us some storage on the playground for some of our bikes, for the short term. I will be moving them from the village hall shed onto the school site next week; and children will be able to ride them on the playground.

- **Please return the bright coloured 'Termly Update' form in order to assist with our curriculum planning**
- **Please bring into school a photograph of your child and a copy of their favourite picture book. We are planning a display and some new art work.**
- **Does anyone have an upright Hoover they would be able to donate to preschool?**

Snack and fee invoices will be issued next week.

**SNACK:** The children are getting used to our new snack routine and most are happily eating a whole piece of fruit every day. There will be other food experiences built into the curriculum. We will also build in other food activities to our curriculum. This week, they turned biscuits into funny faces on Tuesday. Ann stewed apples from her garden with the Wednesday afternoon children. Everyone will sample the finished result in snack time on Thursday and Friday.