

Pre-School

Parents Weekly Newsletter

Week 5 Autumn
Term: Monday 1st
October 2018

THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER @ 2.45 HARVEST CELEBRATION WITH RECEPTION.

On Thursday 4th October, at 2.45pm, our Thursday afternoon children will be joining the reception class to take part in a harvest celebration in the school hall. There will be some singing and a story, with a visit from Rev Angela Whittaker. Parents and family members are invited to come along.

We're continuing our Autumn theme this week. Here is a sample of the play activities and learning on offer to the children: sorting and counting conkers, practising scissor skills and pencil control, a role play shop; spider webs for threading, to help strengthen our fine motor skills; a shape naming and sorting game in the maths area, spider web pictures with materials of their own choice – I expect there'll be some glitter!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: As part of the Early Years Harvest Celebrations, please bring a donation for King's Food Bank, in Kendal. At present, they are particularly requesting items like coffee, sugar, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned meat, squash and fruit juice. Visit their website kingsfoodbank.org.uk for further information. Please bring donations to our preschool room before Friday 5th October. Thank you.

This Week's Sound is 'S': It would be great if your child brought in an object beginning with the sound 's' for show and tell. Children going to school in September 2019, will receive a sheet of sounds and actions for you to use with your child. There are Jolly Phonic songs to accompany each sound. You can find them on YouTube – search jolly phonics phase 1; or purchase a book and CD from Amazon called Jolly Songs

DON'T FORGET: Please bring into school a photograph of your child and a copy of their favourite picture book. We are making a display and some new art work.

Has anyone got an upright Hoover they can donate to preschool. Please speak to Kate.

Please bring any spare leaves, conkers and acorns from your Autumn walks. We've got lots of play ideas for them!

From 4th October 2018, parents will no longer be able to join employer childcare voucher schemes. However, there is a tax-free childcare government scheme to help working parents with the cost of childcare. Parents set up a childcare account online and for every £8 a parent pays in; the government add an extra £2. Take a look at the website childcarechoices.gov.uk for further information. We are in the process of registering as a provider. Speak to Kate if you have any questions.

Last week, our Friday afternoon children enjoyed a lovely visit to St Mark's Church to see the Angel Festival. On the way, they had a nature hunt.

Next week's sound is
'a'