

Fylingdales Preschool

Early Autumn Term Newsletter

End of another half term term!

It is half term already! We have been so busy over the past 7 weeks, so we thought we would share some of our experiences with you....we will be back at preschool Monday 2nd November 2015

Toddler Room

This half term the toddlers have been thinking about and exploring the role of the emergency services. We have been sharing stories about these services and taking part in lots of role play...we have had lots of 'Doctors and Nurses' in the toddler room this half term! We will extend this learning further next half term with our planned visit to the Fire Station.

The toddlers have also been interested in Autumn, we have extended this to support communication and language as well as support their knowledge of the world around them and colours. We have been on many walks into the village and along the railway lines to experience Autumn. And to play at the park of course!

For more of our activities please take a look at our experience board as we regularly update this with photographs.

Preschool Room

This half term in the preschool room we have been busy learning about Tigers in the Jungle and stories about tigers. The pre-schoolers have enjoyed this theme so much that we decided to extend this learning by sponsor a tiger through WWF. As you probably already know, we have sponsored 'Kamrita'

The pre-schoolers have been caring for our 'Kamrita' toy at preschool and have really enjoyed learning all about her natural habitat and the challenges that she faces. We have extended this by exploring how to look after the environment and what we can do!

We also took a trip to the Library Bus to find more books about Tigers and have been sharing the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea.' We have a story sack available to take home and share..please ask us about this!

Finally, we have been out into the Village visiting the school, park, the beach and walking along the railway lines. They especially enjoyed the bear hunt on the beach...and definitely were chased by a real bear back to preschool...or so they tell me!

These are just some of the activities the pre-schoolers have been doing this half term...for more please take a look at our experience board!

Fees

A reminder that fees are due at your child's 1st session back. Invoices for Late Autumn Term were sent out as paper copies this month, due to the change in how we manage our invoices. If you require a further copy please let me know. Also, if you have any questions about your invoices please speak to Becky as soon as possible.

However, invoices will be emailed out as usual in the Spring term.

Outdoor Clothing

The weather is certainly starting to get colder and the dark nights drawing in but both the toddlers and pre-schoolers will continue to spend time outside during the day. Outdoor play is an essential part of our daily routine and we don't want to miss these essential learning opportunities by not being able to go outside.

Please support us in this by providing a suitable outdoor coat and wellies...as you know our mud pit gets very muddy in the autumn/ winter!

Thank You!

Gardening

A huge thank you to Julie Owen, who has been coming into preschool in her spare time and helping us with the gardening! We really appreciate all of your hard work 😊

Children in Need

Both the toddlers and the pre-schoolers will be participating in Children in Need. As we don't want any child to miss out on the fun activities we have planned, we will be holding a Children in Need week. We have a suggested donation of £2 for the whole week. Activities will include baking and crafts. It is a really good cause and lots of fun so we hope you would like to get involved!

End of the day routine

The end of the day can be a busy time (especially 3:30pm) with lots of children being collected and feedback being given. We are trying to improve how we do this so any feedback would be greatly appreciated. This half term we have been trying to have a story between 3:15pm and 3:25pm, we think that this has supported the transition time and helped calm the children down before we go home. Any feedback/ views on this would be greatly appreciated. We would really appreciate it if parents and siblings would continue to support us in this part of our daily routine.

Toys from Home

We welcome children to bring in comforters as we would not want a child to be distressed throughout their day. However, non-essential toys from home can cause conflict between the children as it is difficult for a child to understand that they have to share toys that they identify to be theirs. We understand that it can be difficult some mornings for a child to understand that they aren't able to take toys to preschool but we will work together to help this.

Further to this toys from home can be a health and safety concern, as the equipment and resources we purchase for preschool are carefully considered to meet appropriate age requirements in the rooms and have to meet the British health and safety standards.

Finally, we really don't want your child's personal toys to be damaged or lost at preschool...many of our toys end up in the water tray and we don't want this to occur!

Thank You to everyone who has supported us in this over the past half term.. 😊

Committee

The next committee meeting and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be Monday 9th November 2015

7:30pm

At Preschool

We are looking for new committee members to help ensure that the setting can continue to run well. We have to have a committee to be able to open so we really need your support. In addition to this, you can have a say in how we operate, offer views based on your experiences and help implement change and growth of our setting. Committee meetings are every 4/6 weeks, you do not have to attend every committee meeting! We meet at preschool and keep each other up to date via email along side the meetings.

If you know anyone outside of the setting who may be interested in supporting us then please let them/ us know as not all committee members have to be parents.

There are lots of different roles on the committee to suite everyones interests.....including fundraising!

If you are interested please speak to a member of staff, a committee member or come along to our next meeting!

Halloween Party

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our joint fundraising Halloween Party with the school last night. It was a really good turn out and a lot more children came than we thought! We hope to do similar projects to this in the future. We have yet to confirm an amount raised, but I will share this with you when we know..

Finally, the children are having a brilliant day in fancy dress today and have already been exploring witches potions, halloween playdough and baking biscuits!

We hope you have a lovely half term and we will see you all when we reopen

Monday 2nd November 2015

Thank You ☺