



Newsletter November 2019



Parents/carers, please feel free to chat with staff or committee members if you need any information or have a question. We will all be happy to help or point you towards someone who can.

Preschool AGM – Friday 29th November at 9.30am

We hope you can join us at our Annual General Meeting. At this meeting we will hear different reports about what happens at Preschool, have a chance to meet the current committee and get involved if you are interested in doing so. It's fine to bring your children along and there will be some toys in the room where we have the meeting.

Christmas Fair

Saturday 14th December: 11 – 12.30pm



We hope you and your family and friends can join us at our Christmas Fair this year! The fair will begin with festive songs sung by the children so bring them along at 11 o'clock in time to perform! There will be stalls, games and crafts as well as food and drink on offer. Santa has also promised to make an appearance. We will need volunteers to help make the day a success so please help if you can – there are many ways you can help: donating items for the raffle, giving some time on the day to help, or baking for the cake stall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer of Preschool – please do sign up if you can!

This is a great community event but also raises funds for Preschool.

Preschool 345 is a not for profit community organization and the funds raised through this and other events throughout the year are spent on resources and equipment for the children to enjoy.

- Our newsletter is published once every half term
- You should receive an email version during the last week of each half term
- Some paper copies are also made available on the parent/carer information table



Wild Area

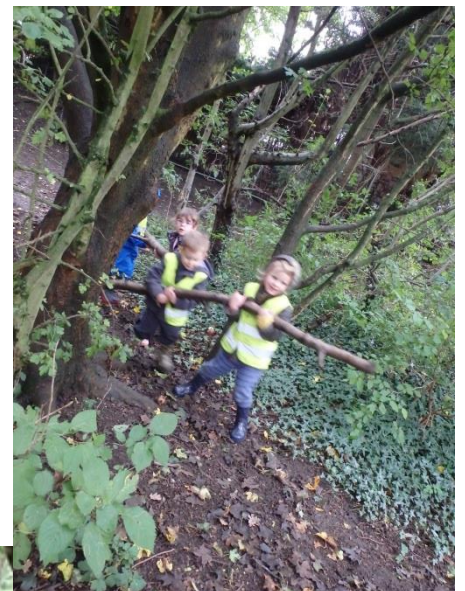


Some of you will already be aware of our trips to 'The Wild Area' at Round Hill School.

The most recent small group of children to go were so busy building up fires, the time just flew by.

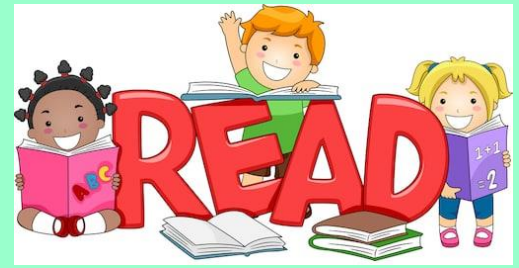
It was great to see some amazing problem solving was going on, carrying large logs or tree branches through tricky spaces, working together with friends. We found one solitary frog, actually Mandy nearly trod on him!

Our Wild Area visits are based on a Scandinavian idea, forest schools operate on the principle that children of all ages can benefit greatly from the hands on learning opportunities inherently present in a woodland environment. In an age when many children have few opportunities to be outdoors, it offers them a way to learn and experience a broad curriculum in a woodland setting.



Mandy's Bit

Reading books



Reading to children set them up to succeed. Reading develops a child's imagination and creativity.

Throughout your child's early years they are learning critical language and communication skills, by listening to stories your child is reinforcing the basic sounds that form language and also the rhythm of language. Do you know if you read just one book a day to your child they will have read 1825 books by their 5th Birthday, don't worry it doesn't have to be a different book each time children some children love to look at and listen to the same book over and over again, having around 6 favourite books to read at bedtime helps as the repetition and familiarity helps your child learn new words and remember important words and sentences, they will soon be 'Pretend reading' you the story. You could start by stopping on some key words to let your child say them.

'Pretend reading' when your child pages through a book babbling and talking about the pictures is a very important pre-literacy activity.

Preschool has a library please feel free to choose a book, share it together and bring it back to change it.

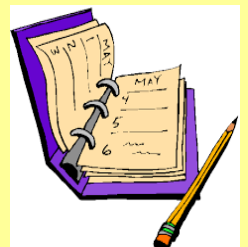
Have fun
Mandy x

Dates for your Diary

Inset Days - Preschool will be closed on the following days:
Monday 6th January 2020
Friday 22nd May

Last day of the School Year - Wednesday 22nd July

Preschool reopens: Tuesday 1st September 2020



Dr Tom's tips

Dr Tom is one of our preschool daddies and will be offering advice in each of our newsletters.



Children's flu vaccine

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray around this time of year. Children who were aged 2 and 3 on 31st August 2019 are eligible for the vaccine as are all primary school children. Preschoolers can receive the vaccine at their GP surgery with a practice nurse.

If you haven't received a reminder from your GP surgery, get in touch with them to make an appointment.

Christmas party



Watch out for your child's invite to our Christmas Party on **Tuesday 17th December**. The party will be held during the morning session and all children will be invited, for those who do not normally attend on a Tuesday morning you child will be invited to join us at 9:50 – until 12:00.

Autumn Craft ideas

