



Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! The festive season already seems like a distant memory, but the children are still sharing their Christmas news, and we're glad to hear that Santa came to everyone!!

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Robert, Theo, Frankie, Amelia, Gabriella and Florence and their families who join us this term. Welcome also to our new team member Nicola, who joined us just before Christmas. We hope you will all be very happy at Pre-School.

Room changes

The staff and committee spent a very busy INSET Day de-cluttering the classroom, sorting resources, moving furniture and installing new storage units. Huge thanks to Clare, Andrew and Josie for giving up their time to help us on the day!

We have been able to set up a new art and craft corner in which the children can select their own activities and resources and also a sensory area. This is a special area in which children can relax and spend some quiet time. We have bought several new cushions for the area but would love some more! Please let us know if you have any unwanted cushions that you could spare. Please note, these should be in 'quiet', muted colours. Fluffy cushions are especially welcome!

Forest School

We are delighted to confirm that Forest School is now up and running! Until the end of this term, we will continue to offer this on a Thursday. In Term 4 we will offer Forest School every Monday, Term 5 will be Tuesday and Term 6 Wednesday. In this way, all the children will be able to access this wonderful opportunity. If you would like your child to come along on a day that they do not normally attend, please feel free to join us. Please note, you would need to stay with your child in this situation.

Activities

We are now able to offer extra activities to broaden the children's learning experiences. These are:

Music and singing with Music Bugs (3 times per term)

The remaining dates this term are Wednesday 30th January and Friday 15th February

PE sessions with Full Circle Sports on alternate Mondays

Starting on Monday 21st January

Science with Mini Professors once a term.

This term's session will be held on Wednesday 6th February. The theme will be 'Birds'.

Fundraising

We would love to be able to buy a new climbing frame for the children and also to build a new sensory room in the garden. In order to do this, we really need your help in fundraising. Our first big fundraising event of the year is our Quiz Evening on Saturday 9th February. Tickets for this event cost £10 each and can be purchased at pre – school or by emailing crowmarshpreschoolquiznight@gmail.com

Snow days

Please be aware that in the event of snow, it is sometimes necessary to close Pre – School. You will be informed of the closure by email at the earliest possible opportunity. An announcement will also be posted on the Parents FaceBook page. You can also check the Crowmarsh Gifford School website and listen to local radio stations for announcements about school closures. If the school closes, we will always close too.

This decision is never taken lightly. Although most of our families live within walking distance of Pre-School, the majority of staff do not and we have to ensure the safety of all.

Dates for your diary

March 7th – World Book Day

March 20th – Pre – School Photographer

April 1st – 7th Autism Awareness Week