



**NEWS LETTER from the staff of  
Yateley Community Preschool  
November 2018**

Registered Charity No.298231

Welcome back after the half term break, we hope you all had an enjoyable time.

The idea of the staff newsletter is to keep parents up to date with topics planned over the forth coming term and to feed back information about activities your children may have been involved in. Also from time to time we may have requests for help, this will vary from asking parents to come in and read during book week or simple tasks such as saving items needed for specific activities.

Last half term we covered the topics –Nursery Rhymes, Our bodies, Transport, children’s interests.

Our topics for this term are as follows;-

**Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October – Bonfire Night /Keeping Safe Letter Ff and colour Brown, Makaton Look**

Story of the week – Hovis the Hedgehog Song – Wave your Sparkler

We will talk about staying safe, wrapping up warm and think of all the colour's that we might see and noises that fireworks make. Each session we will demonstrate how to hold sparklers safely and what to do with them when finished.

**Week commencing 5th November – Autumn, Remembrance Day, Divali and Children's interests Letter Gg colour Green Makaton Listen**

Story of the week – We’re going on a leaf hunt Song – Autumn leaves are falling down

We will be making poppies for our poppy display for Remembrance day. We will hold a one minute silence at 11am on Friday.

**Week commencing 12th November – Space, Children's interests letter Hh and colour White, Makaton Sit**

Story of the week – What Ever Next Song – Five little men in a flying saucer

Remember your space suits and oxygen packs so that we can visit the moon!!

**Week commencing 19th November – Space / Children's interests, letter li and colour Black, Makaton Toilet**

Story of the week – Zoom Rocket Zoom Song – Twinkle, twinkle little star

**Week commencing 26th November - Christmas, Children's interests letter Jj and colour Silver Makaton Food & Drink St Andrew's Day 30<sup>th</sup> November**

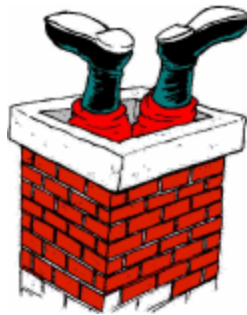
Just what we’ve all been waiting for -Christmas! Doesn’t it come round quickly. We love Christmas at pre-school, lots of sparkly glitter and sequins!



The children will have the opportunity to stencil, colour or paint Christmas pictures, as well as a few adult led activities. We will be singing Christmas songs and listening to music. The Christmas tree will be put up on Monday 3rd December.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, you will notice a post box on the display table, this is for the children to post cards to their friends at pre-school. If you are unsure of any names speak to a member of staff.

Story of the week – The First Christmas Song – Away in a Manger



**Week commencing 3rd December – Christmas, Children's interests letter Kk and colour Gold Makaton Book**

Don't forget to save ribbons, streamers, sparkly bits and pieces this Christmas, so that we can use them for collage in the New Year. We also find a use for those empty wrapping paper tubes.

Story of the week – Stick Man Song – Father Christmas

**Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas, Children's interests letter Ll Makaton Music**

Story of the week – The night before Christmas Song – Jingle Bells

**Last Pre-School session will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**



**The Christmas party will be held on Tuesday 18th December - Details to follow  
We return on Monday 7th January 2019**

Our topics for after Christmas are as follows – Children's interests, Winter, Farm and Zoo animals.. We will be planning on Wednesday 19<sup>h</sup> December, if any parents would like to contribute to any of these topics or have any curriculum advice to offer we would be only to pleased to have your input. Please speak to Jennie, Jackie or Debbie.

If anyone needs any information or has any concerns regarding special needs please speak to Jackie who will be able to give you information you might need.

We are always in need of newspapers, especially the large tabloid to cover our easel and can always use buttons, sparkly material etc... for collage, we can recycle most things including clean empty boxes eg. cereal, biscuit packets, yoghurt pots. Please make sure all boxes etc.. are clean and no traces of food, we sometimes have children with allergies to nuts. **WE DO NOT USE MEDICINE PACKETS OR WASHING / DISHWASHER POWDER BOXES.**

Should anyone feel that they would like to come in as a parent helper sign up for Stay and Play, all we ask is that your child has settled well, before you volunteer.

There is a website address on the parent notice board advertising courses should anyone feel like training in the Early Years.

Remember that the staff are always interested in hearing about the activities that your child does at home and can always offer / share activity advice should anyone want some ideas.

Although it is a horrible thought, the weather will become colder over this half term, please make sure your child has a named coat so that we can still go outside. If your child wears Wellington's to pre-school please ensure that they are named and your child has a change of shoes, they will not be allowed on the climbing frame in Wellington's for safety reasons.

#### **GRAPES**

**Please if you supply grapes for your child could you cut them in half lengthways, they are one of the worst foods for a child to choke on, it would just save us a bit of time when faced with a few children all having grapes and preferably we do not want any choking!  
Thank you**

#### **Carrier bags**

**Now that people are being green when shopping and using re-usable shopping bags we have less bags to give out with children's work or wet clothes. If you have a supply of bags at home we could put them to good use, or maybe if you could pop one in your child's bag for us to use when we change their clothes, that would be fantastic.**

#### **T-shirts and Sweatshirts**

**Please could you make sure that your Pre-school T-shirts and sweatshirts are named as it is hard to match up to the right child at the end of the day. On the board in the lobby there is a company advertised that does name tags and we benefit in commission!! Thank you**

**Finally, if you have any concerns about your child at pre-school or any queries, however trivial they may seem, please come in and speak to Jennie, Jackie, Debbie or your child's key person, your child's happiness is important to us.**