



**NEWS LETTER from the staff of  
Yateley Community Preschool  
November 2010**

Registered Charity No.298231

Welcome back after the half term break, we hope you all had an enjoyable time. We would like to welcome all our new families to Pre-School and hope you enjoy your time with us.

The idea of the staff news letter 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, Fairy Tales, Teddies, All About Me, Autumn and People who help us. We had visits from the Police (Hampshire and Surrey – Thanks Andy and Jack's mum) who brought in a car for the children to see, Yateley Fire Station sent their engine and firefighters and a dentist (Daniel's mum) and dental nurse visited to talk about caring for our teeth. On the Wednesday of people who help us week, Debbie and Liz dressed as nurses and cared for the children's teddies with their help! Thank you to those who came in.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ASKED THAT PARENTS DO NOT PARK IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS SADLY SOME PEOPLE ARE IGNORING THIS AND CONTINUING TO DO SO. THERE IS A CONSTANT STREAM OF BUILDERS AND DELIVERIES ON SITE AND THEY CANNOT TURN THEIR LORRIES DUE TO THE EXTRA CARS PARKING. WE NEVER KNOW WHEN THEY ARE COMING SO THE AREA NEEDS TO BE CLEAR. ALSO THERE IS A DANGER THAT WHEN CHILDREN ARE WALKING DOWN THE DRIVEWAY THEY MAY GET RUN OVER BY THE PARENTS CARS. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE DRIVE FOR YOUR CARS OR WE WILL HAVE TO LOCK THE GATE AND ACCESS WILL BE FROM THE REAR ALLEYWAY ONLY.**

**FROM JANUARY THE REAR GATE WILL BE THE ONLY ACCESS TO PRE-SCHOOL DUE TO THE COMMENCING OF BUILDING WORK ON THE SCHOOL.**

**PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE BY ABIDING BY THE ABOVE RULE.  
THANK YOU**

**If anyone still has their child's Learning Journey lurking at home, please may we have them back ready for the next half term, we hope you have enjoyed looking through them.**

Our topics for this term are as follows;-

**Week commencing 1st November – Bonfire Night and Divali / Diwali Letter Gg and colour Red (As well as fruit you may bring in Naan bread for the children to try)**



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.

Divali or Diwali (spelt either way) is the Hindu festival of light, a celebration of the Hindu God Rama who returns home to his kingdom after 12 years exile. Between mid October and mid November houses glow with earthen lamps on verandas, rooftops, walls and windowsills, children wear new clothes for the festival and families gather together to let off fireworks.

The children will all have the opportunity to make a clay diva, Divali card, Mendhi patterns and Rangoli designs. We will be playing Indian music and have some Indian fabric for dancing with.

**The children will be offered Popadoms at snack time to try (we will purchase) , please let us know if your child is not allowed to eat them or Naan bread if any is brought in.**

Week commencing 8th November – **Construction**, letter/ sound **Hh** and colour **purple** Remembrance day  
Wed November 11<sup>th</sup>

We hope to be outside building with different types of media, if anyone has old sheets, large cardboard boxes, planks of wood, nails, hammers, screwdrivers and screws that we could have or borrow that would be great! The children had fun building dens, their own balance beams etc.. last year.

On the Thursday children will make their own poppy for Remembrance day, we will hold a one minute silence at 11am.

Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November – **Space, EID – El - Adha, Shichi Go San, Thanksgiving** letter **li** and colour **Black**



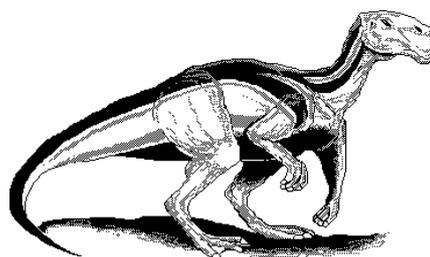
We will be looking at planets, rockets etc.. We will link in about the shape and differing sizes of the planets, counting planets and talk about the stars, sun and moon.



Eid-El-Adha is a Muslim festival of sacrifice celebrated on November 16<sup>th</sup>, Shichi Go San is an old Japanese festival meaning 7 – 5 – 3. Boys aged 7, girls aged 5 and all 3 year olds are taken to the temple wearing bright best clothes. On Wed 17<sup>th</sup> if your children would like to put on bright clothes (Not best!), we will be making bags with symbols of a turtle, crane and pine on it. If anyone is good at origami do let us know! On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> we will be making a large Turkey out of hand prints for Thanksgiving which is celebrated on the last Thursday in November.

Week commencing 22nd November – **Dinosaurs**, letter **Jj** and colour **Pink**

A very popular topic with the children, very noisy for the staff! We have plenty of dinosaur models to play with, jigsaws and books. Always a lively week, perhaps we can wear them out being dinosaurs.



Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> November - **Christmas**, letter **Kk** and colour **Grey** and **Gold** St Andrew's day 30<sup>th</sup> November

On the Tuesday we will talk about St Andrew's day, if anyone would like to wear a kilt!

Just what we've all been waiting for -Christmas! Doesn't it come round quickly. We love Christmas at pre-

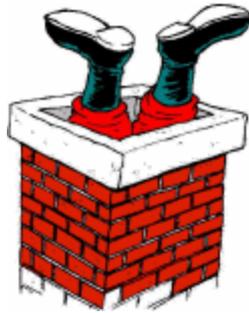


school, lots of sparkly glitter and sequins, though the cleaner has a tough time!

The children will be making a variety of Christmas gifts, these will be left at pre-school until the last week. All their work will be sent home in a red bag, once you have taken out their work if you do not have a use for the bag, we would be grateful for their return as we re-use them each year. Each day there will be opportunities

to stencil, colour or paint Christmas pictures, as well as time for free creativity. We will be singing Christmas songs and listening to music. The Christmas tree will be put up on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

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. Please make sure the cards have surnames on them as we have a few children with the same names! If you are unsure of any names speak to a member of staff.



Week commencing 6th December – Christmas, letter LI and colour Silver

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, though if you could store them until mid Feb. 2011 that would be good!!

**Last Pre-School session will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Christmas party will be held on Wednesday 15th December – Details to follow**



**We return on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Our topics for after Christmas are as follows – Winter, senses, healthy and unhealthy eating, Music, Recycling, weather and Chinese New Year. We will be planning on Thursday 16<sup>th</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 Janet or Jennie.

We have a selection of books, leaflets etc... including a Special Needs resource folder containing contacts for support groups and leaflets on a number of disabilities and disorders should anyone at any time wish to have a look. See Jackie if you would like to borrow from our selection.

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 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 book containing courses on the parent notice board should anyone feel like training in 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.

**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 Janet, Jennie, or your child's key person, your child's happiness is important to us.**

Term dates 2010 – 2011

Any changes we will let you know as soon as possible

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Return
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Pre-school session
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Party
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Planning / Training day
Holiday Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	Return
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Pre-school session
Half term Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Return
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Pre-school session
Holiday Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Return
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Pre-school session
Half term Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Return
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last pre-school session
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers sing song and picnic Information to come nearer the time
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Staff planning day

