

September 2020

Little Acorns (Colleton) Pre-school

Newsletter

Welcome to the Little Acorns (Colleton) Newsletter. The aim of this is to keep you informed of dates for your diary, any notices we need to share and to let you know what the children have been up to! Welcome to the first newsletter of the year and welcome to all our new parents and children.

News

The beginning of this term has been all about settling the children back into the setting and ensuring they are happy. We have been working hard to re-build those lovely relationships between key people and the children. The returning children have been fantastic and we are very much looking forward to welcoming the new children to the setting.

The last few weeks we have been getting up to all sorts of things! We have washed the babies and covered them with moisturizer...



We have enjoyed building with lots of different types of materials including stickle bricks and Duplo.

Diary Dates:

Half Term – 26th -30th October

INSET day – 2nd November (Pre-school closed to children).

AGM – 12th November @ 8.15pm

Road Ranger Visit – Monday 16th November

End of Term – 18th December @ 12.45pm

Don't forget we are listed with Amazon Smile, easyfundraising.org.uk and myclothing.com as an easy way to raise funds for the pre-school whilst doing your shopping!

Please like our new look Facebook page. Find us at Little Acorns – Colleton Pre-school. 

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Making chocolate gloop! This is a mixture of cornflour and water to form the basic gloop and then you can add anything to it...in this case chocolate powder. Gloop is a brilliant way of building gross and fine motor muscles.....and the children love it!



We are doing singing phonics with all of the children, which at the moment has a focus on listening. We also sing lots of nursery rhymes and songs, all of which help with communication and language development. The children have really enjoyed mixing their own paints and working out what colours mix together to make other colours....anything other than brown!

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We try to use natural materials with the children when we can. On the left we have some children using dried poppy heads from our garden to create some art (after collecting the seeds) and on the right the children are using lavender, sage, rosemary and chives in their potions; again, taken from our garden.



Mark making on a vertical surface is a great way to build the muscles in the back, shoulder, and arms to prepare for writing when the children are older. Another way to build these muscles is to encourage your child to lie on their tummies to read a book.

Den building is a firm favourite at pre-school as you can see from the smile!



More singing and nursery rhymes...this time with a number/maths focus.

Committee Volunteers

As you know Little Acorns is a charity and run by Jo B and our committee. We are looking for volunteers to join our committee and help with fundraising events. If you are interested, please speak to Jo B 😊

Christmas

I know it feels a bit early to be saying 'that word' but due to COVID restrictions we will not be able to perform our nativity to parents this year. We are working hard trying to come up with ideas of things that we could do instead, so watch this space!!

Fundraising

As you know we are a charity that relies on our fundraising activities to help provide resources for the children. We have unfortunately had to cancel many of our fundraising events as we would be unable to make them COVID safe. If you have any ideas about how we could raise some money for the pre-school, please don't hesitate to let Jo B know.

Some of you may have seen my daughters....the ones with the really long hair! My eldest, Tilly, has decided that she would like to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust and raise money for the pre-school in the process. She is going to go shoulder length!!

Keep an eye out for how to donate (if you can) 😊



Wish List

If you have any of the following at home they would be greatly appreciated:

- Baby bath or baby moisturizer
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Charitable Incorporated Organisation – CIO

We are nearing the end of the journey transferring over to a CIO, which is fantastic as it is a very long process!

As I have mentioned before, this will not change the way the pre-school runs or the care the children receive, the only difference you might notice is the addition of the letters CIO to the end of our name. We also have to change our bank account, so as soon as this is finalised, I will issue the new bank details.

In November we will be holding our AGM, at which parents will be asked to vote to close the old charity and transfer the assets from the old to the new. Obviously, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to actually hold the meeting in person so it will be done virtually. Details on this to follow.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

The Little Acorns Team

Our Pre-school Committee is looking for new members

Help make a big difference to Little Acorns



We are recruiting a:

Treasurer

Deputy Chair

Secretary

We welcome parents and carers to join and share their views and ideas with us

If you are interested in joining the Pre-school committee please talk to Jo Blunden to find out more.