

October 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! We have been very busy for the past two weeks getting used to the new 'normal' as you can see....

### News

The last two weeks have seen our new families joining the Little Acorns family. They have done so well settling in with only a few tears on the way. Here are some of the things we have been investigating!



We have been learning about symmetry with our playdoh, creating symmetrical butterflies. We've enjoyed creating tunnels and pathways for our rolling vehicles seeing how far they roll.



### Diary Dates:

**Half Term** – 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> October

**INSET day** – 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Pre-school closed to children).

**AGM** – 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 8.15pm

**Road Ranger Visit** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – CANCELLED due to COVID

**End of Term** – 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 12.45pm

Don't forget we are listed with Amazon Smile, [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and [myclothing.com](http://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. 

### Committee Volunteers

We have filled one of our Committee vacancies but are still looking for a Treasurer, a Vice Chair and a HR representative. Please let Jo B know if you are able to help with any of these roles.

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We had to rescue the ducks that were stuck in the ice...this required lots of problem solving and communication! The spiders also needed saving from the gloop 😊



We have been developing our gross motor skills playing with balls and other large equipment. When we were planting bulbs we were learning about the beginning of a life cycle.



We also gave Pat an impromptu performance of 'Let It Go'!!!! We have been playing with water (with lots of bubbles) learning about capacity.



One of our spider plants had spider plant babies so we potted all the little plants to see if we can grow some more



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The den building continues, outside this time! This particular den required a lot of problem solving, critical thinking and demanded lots of social skills. They were very proud of the end result....and so they should be! Water play with whisks working on building those muscles to help develop fine motor skills eventually.



Small world play is very important for this age group. Trains, animals, cars, people etc can develop an amazing number of skills but particularly communication and language.

Wokingham Libraries in partnership with Wokingham Town Council have been working hard during this unconventional year to still bring you the joy of the Wokingham Children's Book Festival virtually!

That's right, we've transferred all the talks with authors online this year so you can watch from home. Places will still have to be booked, but it is free to attend. The festival will be run online on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of October 2020. Tickets and more information can be found here: [www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest](http://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest).

Join us for talks with Chitra Soundar, Steve Antony, Peter Bunzl, Onjali Q Raúf, Inbal Leitner, Roopa Farooki, Smriti Halls and Ken Wilson-Max. Debut novelists Elle McNicoll and Iszi Lawrence complete the amazing line up for this year's Wokingham Children's Book Festival!

We look forward to you joining us for this very special occasion this year.

## Christmas

Our plans for Christmas are coming along! Next week we will be sending an email out with information about how the children can design their own Christmas cards at home. If you would like to have a look at some ideas this is the link. <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/christmas-project>

## Photographs

Normally at this time of the year we have a wonderful photographer called Asya come in and take photographs of all the children for you to purchase (also helping to raise money for the pre-school). Unfortunately, you've guessed it, we are unable to do this, this year because of COVID. However, I have been in touch with Asya and we plan to do this later in the year. In the mean time Asya has asked me to share this with you.

*Asya from ABL Photography is offering all Little Acorns Pre-school families an opportunity to have professional photographs taken in her studio.*

*Enjoy a free 30-minute photo-shoot and then order prints or digital images via an on-line gallery. Special discounted prices for pre-school children only (the same as school photographs).*

*Individual children, siblings, families and pets all welcome, maximum 5 people at one time. Perfect Christmas Gifts!*

*Slots available weekdays and weekends in November.*

*Book by e-mailing Asya at [asya@ablphotography.co.uk](mailto:asya@ablphotography.co.uk) or texting 07793937192.*

## Wish List

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

- Baby moisturizer or Baby bubble bath

## Exciting Announcement

I am very proud to announce that my husband, Darren Blunden, has just had his first children's book published! He teamed together with the very talented Adam Brown and together they created 'The Terrible Duckodile'! It is available for pre-order on Amazon, Waterstones etc and would make a lovely Christmas pressie for any little people in your family. If you sign up to Amazon Smile and have Little Acorns as your linked charity, we will get a donation from every copy bought AND Darren has promised to sign copies for any parents/carers of children at Little Acorns 😊 For those of you that work in schools he will be happy to do an author visit (once schools/pre-schools are allowed visitors)!



We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

The Little Acorns Team