

Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Hello,

Here is a quick update into what we have been up to so far at Preschool as well as some things we have coming up...

Firstly, we were so pleased to welcome everyone back in September, all of the children settled back in fantastically - it was like we had never been away! They quickly adapted to the new routine...wash hands, play, wash hands, play...and repeat!



For the past few weeks we have been looking at Autumn and the changing seasons, alongside following the children's interests. We made vegetable soup together, made playdough, looked at printing with apples, vegetables and leaves, made leaf collages, explored conkers by weighing them, rolling them down tubes and in paint, counting them and much more! We have also observed our caterpillars changing into cocoons and then recently emerging, as well as welcoming back Shelly, our giant African land snail! We also have some pumpkin related activities planned for next week.



Our interests at the moment have largely been in role play - mostly playing mummies, daddies and babies. This has allowed the children to develop their social skills, language and communication and imagination. Other fascinations have been dinosaurs, and castles! This has lead to lots of creativity - painting a big box to make a castle and creating interesting dinosaur lands with sticks and pine cones. We have also been very busy outside, as usual!

Coming up...

- We break up for half term on **Friday 23rd October** and return on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

- **Ventilation and warm clothing:** Whilst we spend plenty of time outside, in order to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 we have the door open for

Guilden Sutton Preschool

extended periods, often all day long to aid ventilation. We are lucky that the Marigold room is equipped with plenty of warm radiators, however please ensure that your child is dressed for Preschool with plenty of layers so that they can add or remove clothing as necessary to keep warm, especially as the weather starts to get colder over the coming months.

- **Updated Covid Alert level; High** - As you know Cheshire West and Chester has now entered **Tier 2 - Covid Alert level:high**. This brings new guidance on what people can do with regards to socialising with others. It does not require us to change any of our current practices at Preschool and we will be continuing as we have been. Please remember to wear masks for drop off and collection and remain socially distanced from others. Please visit www.gov.uk for the latest updates and information as necessary.
- **Children in Need**: On a brighter note, we will be celebrating Children in Need this year over the week 9-15th November. We will be having a fancy dress day on **Thursday 12th November 2020**. We are asking that the children come dressed in something yellow or spotty (or yellow and spotty!)
- **Amazon Smile** - Guilden Sutton Preschool is now eligible to receive donations from the Amazon Smile programme
 - when you select us as your chosen charity and shop online from Amazon - Amazon smile will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to our charity! All donations are funded by Amazon at no extra cost to us or to you! With the upcoming Christmas season, now is the perfect time to help support your local Preschool. In order to browse or shop through Amazon smile, simply select us as your chosen charitable organization at smile.amazon.co.uk or activate Amazon smile through your account via settings.



We appreciate that sometimes drop off and collection can be a bit hectic, if you have anything you wish to discuss with myself or your child's key person, please drop me an email or phone the Preschool mobile during opening hours.

Thank you so much for your continuing support, Guilden Sutton Preschool.