



Weekly Round Up

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What a fun filled week it has been! The children in both rooms were full of excitement as staff dusted off the Christmas decorations and set about putting up the Christmas trees. It may seem a little early but there are now only two and a half weeks left until the end of term. The children have been telling us their stories of how they helped put up trees at home and it seems many families are starting early this year.

We will be putting our Christmas post boxes in the foyer next week and ask that any cards children wish to give are brought in by Wednesday 9th December please. This will give us enough time to distribute them safely. We aren't able to have our usual big Christmas party this year so we have planned some fun activities for the festive season. We've already added some Christmas clothing to the role play area which is proving very popular! Craft activities have been enhanced by the arrival of our new 'Help Yourself' art trolley in the Bumbles room. This was purchased with the funds from the Early Years Pupil Premium we receive for eligible three and four year olds and allows children to benefit from extra resources and equipment suited to their needs. Having access to their own arts and crafts materials allows children to express their own interests and explore their creativity. By making their own choices children are developing independence. Arts, crafts and messy activities are beneficial to many areas of development. Children develop their fine motor control by using different tools which provide opportunities for early mark-making. They're focusing on the process, instead of the end product, helping to develop their creativity. Messy play is a great opportunity for language development as you ask children questions about what they're experiencing and what it feels like. They're learning maths skills about timing, sorting, and counting and developing ideas about shapes and size. They learn how to share, cooperate, and play together with other children. The children do get very messy at Pre-School so remember to send them in wearing clothes which are suited to the environment. They will get dirty but this is all part of the learning process.



Reminder

Do remember our policy for children who have had vomiting or diarrhoea must not return to the setting until at least 48 hours after their last bout. Thank you for helping keep everyone safe.

We'll keep you informed about any changes to the Covid policy in line with Government guidelines. With talk of possible vaccines for the Covid virus too we can be all hopeful of an end to this dreadful pandemic and look towards a brighter future.



Covid Information

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus they **MUST** not come to Pre-School. They **MUST** have a test as soon as possible and stay at home until you get the result. Symptoms are:

- a high temperature.
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do.

