

This Autumn we have been busy making a new hedgehog house, wormery and bug hotel so all the animals have a safe and warm place to hibernate throughout the winter. All the children have taken part in some or all of the activities.

As Christmas approaches we will be practising our Christmas songs for our coffee mornings, so if you hear your child singing at home, please encourage them and join in! Twinkle Twinkle and jingle bells are amongst our favourites.

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## Christmas Celebration

**Christmas Coffee Morning 10.45am**

**Monday 18th December**

Please join us for coffee & mince pies on Monday 18th December. The children will sing some Christmas songs and perform a short Nativity. All parents/carers/grandparents are welcome, we hope you can make it. If your child doesn't come to Pre-School on this morning, just bring them along at 10.45am to sing

**Pre-School will be closed except for our Christmas Party on Wednesday 20th December**

We will be having a Fancy Dress Christmas party **12.30-3.30pm**. Pre-School will provide fun and games, children's tea party and a disco, and a few surprises thrown in for good measure. A list will be put up in the front hall in December, please tick if your child can attend. Parents/carers do not stay for the party and we ask you to drop off and collect your child at the allotted time. The children are welcome to come in any fancy dress of their choice.



## Christmas Raffle

During December we will be running a Christmas raffle, all proceeds will go to Pre-School, prizes will include, meals, wine, cuddly toys and other lovely gifts. Tickets can be purchased from Pre-School or from committee members, tickets can be placed in the prize box of your choice. The draw will take place on coffee morning. The tickets will cost 50p each or a strip of 5 for £2.



## School Admissions

Please remember closing date for school applications is January 15th 2018. You can apply on-line or in person at the school of your choice.

## "Bags to School"

In the run-up to Christmas what better time to have a sort out at home, bring in the items and raise funds for Pre-School at the same time. Our last collection in June raised **£250.00!!**

The collection date is **Tuesday 5th December** so have a good look around for anything that would give you that extra space in your drawers, cupboards or wardrobes for Xmas. Bags can be brought into Pre-School at anytime or placed over the fence. We are low on clothes this year, so please have a hunt around for us. Thank you

## Sue's News



Congratulations everyone—give yourselves a pat on the back for providing such great lunch boxes!. This year is proving to be our best yet, with lots of fresh fruit and vegetables in evidence, and portion sizes (mostly) under control—we are even educating the children, who know that two sandwiches are enough, and if they have crisps then to only eat half the bag and save the rest.

This means that we are 'bucking the trend' as recent reports tell us only about ten percent of packed lunches are deemed to be healthy, and 'healthy living' programmes set up in schools to beat obesity are failing. So let's continue the good work, and if you are unsure please look at our wall display or come and have a chat.

Also, a good visual reminder is to get your child to make a fist, as this is the same size as their tummy—not as big as you may have imagined.

Sue Booth, Healthy Eating Co-Ordinator

### Safeguarding and Radicalisation

The radicalisation of children and young people is an area of growing concern within the UK. This can cause great concern for many families, if you have any worries you can find Prevent resources on line to support children and families

[www.leicesterprevent.co.uk](http://www.leicesterprevent.co.uk)

### Internet Users

Parents and carers need to be extra vigilant when allowing children to watch videos via the internet. The Virtual College has published an article highlighting that children are placed at significant risk of being exposed to harmful material through a simple Peppa Pig google search.

### Policies & Procedures: Illness

The aim of our Illness Policy is to prevent infections spreading throughout Pre-School, and to ensure that children who fall ill whilst at Pre-School are cared for appropriately. The main points of our policy are:

- ◆ To reduce the risk of infections spreading, if a child is unwell they should **NOT** be at Pre-School.
- ◆ If a child falls ill whilst at Pre-School they will be cared for, away from the other children, and their parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect them.
- ◆ Children with diarrhoea and /or vomiting can return when they have been free from symptoms for **48 hours**.
- ◆ Children who have had a high temperature or who are prescribed antibiotics can return to Pre-School after **24 hours**

The policy also sets out the recommended exclusion periods for most other common illnesses. If you would like any further information please speak to one of our staff. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Dates for your Diary



#### Christmas Coffee Morning

**Monday 18th December 10.45am**

Details overleaf.

#### Christmas Holiday

**Tuesday 19th December.**

Last day of term.

#### Christmas Party

**Wednesday 20th December**

**12.30-3.30pm FANCY DRESS**

**(Pre-School is closed for normal sessions today)**

Details overleaf.

#### Start of Spring Term

**Monday 8th January 2018**

### Shoes & Coats

While at Pre-School your child will have to put on and take off their shoes many times during the session. Please can you provide shoes that your child is able to do by themselves. Also shoes and clothes can be duplicated so naming them also helps. Thank you.

### Pre-School Bug Hunt

Thank you to everyone who took part in our bug hunt, the children have all been talking about how much fun they had. We made £31 in total and will use this money to purchase bird feed and resources to maintain our bug habitats.

Congratulations to the Flint and Donger families who found all the bugs.

