

November Newsletter

Holmes Chapel Community Pre School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a lovely half term break.

At the end of last term the children enjoyed making dens and using torches. We have extended this interest to incorporate a 'space theme' and over the holidays we have changed the role play into a space rocket.

We have also changed some more areas in Pre School in relation to our Every Child a Talker (ECAT) project. We have started by auditing the environment to identify cold and hot spots for talking. From this we have identified that the story corner is a particular 'cold spot'. So we have started to enhance this area. Last year we purchased some Communication friendly spaces (Elisabeth Jarman) Bags. So we are using these to turn this area in to a hot spot. We now have a lovely net canopy with cushions inside. We have also received some more 'story sacks' with puppets and some natural covers and throws.

"Communication Friendly Spaces™ (CFS™) Approach focuses on how the environment can be used to support speaking and listening skills, emotional well-being and general engagement"

We hope to continue with this throughout Pre School. If you would like any more information please see the Communication friendly spaces (Elisabeth Jarman) website.

The Rhyme Challenge-

We are already on week three of the Rhyme challenge!! Every Monday a new rhyme will be put into your child's post pocket up until Christmas. Then in the new year we will have a rhyme day. Please support us by helping your child to learn the words and actions at home.

Wanted.....

Old Children's magazines- We are currently enhancing our 'story corner' . We have lots of information books and story books, but the children need to be exposed to different print/pictures and media. Does your child have any magazines that they have read that you are about to put in the recycle bin?? Please send them into Pre School instead!!

Old blue or red recycle boxes. Do you still have your old red or blue recycle box provided by the council that you no longer need? We are always struggling for storage and these would be great for our outside toys. Thank you!!

Important dates

Friday 4th November 2011- Halloween Family disco at St Lukes- disco, DJ, face painting plus much more. £10 a family ticket 6-8pm.

Monday 7th November 2011- 6pm onwards. Key Worker evening (see reception area for booking your appointment)

Tuesday 8th November 2011- Bags2School. Please make sure your bags are returned by 9am.

Friday 18th November 2011- Children in Need - see posters for more information

Tuesday 22nd November 2011- Tempest photography. If you would like your child's picture taken with a sibling please come at 8.30am.

Big thank you to parents who have contributed to the 'Collection Point' recycle centre. We will be continuing with this throughout November.

Following the recent AGM we now have a new committee. Please speak to our new chairperson Linda Smith if you would like to know more or contribute.

A big thank you to everyone who made cakes for the fundraiser. It was a huge success making over £100 for Pre School which is fantastic. We plan to use the money to buy a 'free flow' curtain to allow the door to be kept open during child-initiated time without losing heat.

As always any questions please do not hesitate to speak to myself or any members of staff.

Thank You

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