



Newsletter - Term 1a (4 Sept to 18 Oct 2019)

News / Fundraising

- Portage is an internationally recognised way of working with Children & Parents to promote learning & development (it is particularly valuable for Children with additional needs). We are very excited (and proud) to be able to announce that we have received Portage Accreditation in recognition of Outstanding practice. Less than half a percent of settings across the Country have this award and we are the first in Lincolnshire.
- Over the last year Kathy & Judith have been taking part in a countywide pioneer project called Caring 2 Learn. This has included evidence gathering to showcase exceptional practice and working alongside not only other educational settings but also foster carers, Social Services and specialists from other countries. On Friday 27th September we were invited to attend an awards ceremony with a small number of other settings - where we were thrilled to become the first Pre-School in the County to receive the highest award standard GOLD
- Keep your eye's peeled as you go around Crowland (and Cowbit & Deeping St Nicholas) as we have started a Community Book Scheme in order to share our love of reading with others. We have 'hidden' some of our favourite books around these areas for people to find & read at home, before hiding somewhere else for the next lucky reader to find. We have already had several 'shout outs' on Crowland Chatter - why not see whether you & your child/grandchild can find the whole set.

What we have been learning about

- We celebrated Roald Dahl Day by either dressing up as our favourite book character or wearing yellow. We mixed George's Marvellous Medicine, crafted Charlie's chocolate creations, junk modelled the Enormous Crocodile, joined James and the Giant Peach on their adventures and much more.
- We have been enjoying harvesting the produce from our kitchen garden - we have had strawberries & raspberries, made rhubarb crumble for snack, counted and size sorted potatoes and are waiting for our pears & grapes to ripen.
- We have been enjoying the Autumn season in a multitude of ways - going on a stick hunt & building homes for our mini beasts with the results, leaf printing, creating wool tree collages, painting with conkers & nature's own brushes and so much more.
- As part of the Autumn celebrations we have enjoyed a series of dress-up days.
- We are exploring our inner Divas as we have regular music time with a wide variety of instruments and restart our dance sessions with Hayley of the Crowland Dance Company.
- We are looking forward to raising funds for Children In Need during 11-15 November.

Thank You

- Many thanks to Nick & Jan Kirby for their ongoing help with maintenance & gardening.
- A HUGE thank you to Sarah for 11 years of fun & friendship that she has shared with Staff, Parents & Children alike. Sadly Sarah is having to leave the staff team for personal reasons but will remain as a part-time volunteer.
- Thank you to Lucy of 'Red Wellies' fame for organising and filming our wonderful 'Pumpkin Patch' Photoshoot!
- Thank you to our local sponsors - Motorbike Breakers, JJC Electrical, Jackdaw Childcare, Red Wellies Photography, Lisa's Beauty Therapy, MP Auto Care and JH Car Care.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September & October

Isabelle, Zachary, Barbara, Elizabeth, Molly,
Rafie & Amelia

TERM DATES

Term 1a

4th Sept to 18th Oct

Term 1b

29th Oct to 19th Dec



If your child is feeling unwell, please do not bring them into pre-school. If too many of our staff get sick we will not be able to open as we will not be able to have sufficient adults to maintain the necessary ratios.

Help your child at home

- Please help your child become an independent dresser, teach them to put their coats on, do buttons & zips up and put their shoes on.
- Look out for numbers and letters in the environment, children love to spot them and tell you what they are.
- Talk to your child about the seasons, how plants & animals grow, where certain food comes from etc
- Talk about their senses appropriately - taste, sight, hearing, touch & smell.
- Positional language in context - in, out, over, under, above, below etc.
- Remember to look on our windows, notice board and Facebook page for ideas, information & events.

GALLERY

