



Hulme Hall Pre-School

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Pre-School Newsletter

October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I don't think any of us can believe that we have reached the end of the first half term! I am extremely pleased with how well the children have settled back into Pre-School and our new children have quickly become a part of our Hulme Hall family.

It is so rewarding to see the children learning with such enthusiasm and enjoyment and I am so proud of the way they have adapted to the new routines of Pre-School. Some elements of our new system are working so well that we may keep them when life returns to 'normal' but one thing that we are missing, is being able to invite our parents in to Pre-School!

We really miss you all and would like to say a big thank you for your support during this period and for adhering to the new rules. Our updated Covid-19 policy is now on the school website for you to read.

We wish all our families a safe and healthy half term break and we look forward to seeing you on the 2nd of November.

Mrs Khinda, Head of Pre-School

The Fruits of Autumn

This month we have been looking for signs that tell us it is now Autumn.

We have noticed the leaves changing colour on the trees and talked about the difference in the weather. We even went on a treasure hunt searching for the fruits of Autumn. The children found lots of interesting bugs and collected natural materials for creative activities.

Early Years have also been exploring pumpkins. They looked at the size, shape and colour of pumpkins and thoroughly enjoyed singing *5 Little Pumpkins!*

Kindergarten will be bringing home some Autumn-themed homework to do over half term. This is not compulsory so please do not feel you have to complete it. As an alternative, you could always go for a sensory walk and see what riches you can find?



Explore Create Grow



Kindergarten have thoroughly enjoyed learning their letters and sounds and will be bringing their sound books home over half term. They can show you all the sounds they have learnt! We are all very proud of your amazing children.



LearningBook

Most of you will now be familiar with your children's online learning journal, LearningBook. It enables you to closely follow your child's individual progress and reflect upon their achievements.

As part of our parent partnership, we encourage you to add comments so that we can find out which activities your child really enjoyed and any additional learning they are doing at home. It is lovely to read your comments and observations and we welcome this collaboration throughout your child's time at Pre-School.

Please use it as a forum to tell us about your special events and celebrations—we love to hear about them and documenting them on LearningBook will also serve as a lovely reminder of special times for you and your child.



And Breathe...

Kindergarten have been practising their yoga techniques. It is a great way for children to improve co-ordination and balance and helps build their confidence.

Why not ask them to teach you a few of their yoga moves? It has tremendous benefits and is really good fun!



Terrific Teamwork



Children have to learn so many skills when they come into Pre-School and working with peers is one of the most important. Teamwork is about drawing upon the strengths of each individual and learning about compromise and collaboration.

Our children have worked together to create a whale out of recycled materials taking it in turns to paint and listening to each other's ideas.

Contact Details

Please keep us updated with any changes to contact details and make sure we have work contact numbers in case of an emergency.

In order to safeguard your children, it is also extremely important that we have photographs of anybody different that will be dropping off or collecting your child.

Pre-School Mobile Phone

If you need to contact us during Holiday Club or before 8.00am and after 4.00pm during term time, please ring **07518215681**.

Important Dates

Friday 16th October
Close for half term

Monday 2nd November
Term re-starts

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