



Lytchett  
Matravers  
Pre-school

## Newsletter November 2019

### Children's voice

The children have said that they have liked:

- "Building a big tower" - Blake
- "Building and train tracks" - Max
- "Playing with the water and painting" - Ella P
- "Bricks" - Isla
- "I like playing babies in the quiet room" - Ida
- "Reading books" - Abigail
- "Drawing a picture for Mummy & Daddy" - Amber
- "I like eating lunch and going outside" - Ashton
- "Building and trains" - Bobby
- "Playing building with Bobby" - Teddy R
- "Roll games" - Willow
- "Dinosaurs" - Rex
- "Playing with dinosaurs" - Kayden
- "Eating and playing" - Joseph S
- "Piano" - Teegan
- "Playdough" - Fletcher
- "Outside and stories" - Olive
- "Painting" - Izzy D

### Uniform Orders

To purchase uniform, please pop into the office for a uniform order form or send us an email, so we can email you a form. We will be placing our order on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### Dates for your diary

15<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> December: Stay and play sessions

20<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of Autumn term

23<sup>rd</sup> December - 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Christmas holidays

6<sup>th</sup> January: INSET day

7<sup>th</sup> January: Spring Term starts

17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February: Half Term

### Christmas Stay and play sessions

We are holding stay and play sessions during the first two weeks of December. Please sign up at the office. The session you book must be during a time your child is at preschool. We have capacity for 2 adults per child but unfortunately we don't have capacity for siblings.

### 30-Hour Childcare Funding—Reminder

For those with children eligible for 30-hour funding, we recommend that you apply for, or re-confirm your 30-hour code by the end of November, to ensure you have your code in time for the Spring term. The deadline for applying for Spring term funding is the 31<sup>st</sup> December, so this will give time to rectify any issues that may arise. Please ensure your child's grace period does not expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, otherwise the code will not be valid.

### Questionnaire

We would really appreciate it if you could complete the short questionnaire below to share your views about pre-school. We will use your responses to inform our quality improvement plan for the setting and comments may be used for marketing. All responses will be kept anonymous.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XS6W3P5>

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## Words from the Woods



The last few weeks have been a time for the children to explore the woods, develop a relationship with nature, engage with risk, learn about their own boundaries and follow their own interests. We have been introducing the fire circle. The children helped to clear the area of logs and clean the fire pit. The educators have been modelling how to enter and exit the fire circle safely and we have talked about and identified risks. The children have been placing flags to identify the safe areas to play and have been responding to the game '123 come to me' to develop their listening skills and understanding of our safety rules.

## Reverse Advent Calendar

We like to provide lots of opportunities to help children learn about the importance of being a fair friend and think about the feelings of others. We love the idea of a reverse advent calendar, adding an item to the collection box for each day starting from 1<sup>st</sup> December, up until we break up for Christmas. A collection box and a list of suggested food items will be available in Pre-school. Can you spare an item for our collection? Imagine if everyone donated just 1 item per week? We would have an incredible amount to help local families in need! Thank you in advance.

## Children in Need—Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November



This year we will be having a relaxing week. Come in your pyjamas, bring your favourite teddy and book and snuggle up and share a story as we have a week long pyjama party at Pre-School. We will also be doing 'Yoga with Pudsey'. You can find Pudsey's moves here:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/early-years-nursery/get-active-with-pudsey-moves/>. We will have collection buckets out the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November .

## Wave 105 Mission Christmas

Mission Christmas aims to ensure that as many children as possible wake up with a present on Christmas day. This year we are acting as a drop off point again. Toys need to be new and unwrapped and can be for any age from baby to teenage years. There will be a collection box in the office from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The deadline for bringing in gifts is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



## Start and end of day routines

Now all of the children are in you may have noticed that the foyers get very congested in the morning and at 3.30, as 50 children are arriving and leaving at the same time. We have been thinking about ways in which we can reduce the stress for the children at these busy times. Some ideas we have are;

- the older children (hedgehogs) coming in by themselves, if parents need to speak to their child's keyperson letting the team member doing the register know. Parents then can wait in the staff room until we have settled the children and can release the member of staff for a chat.
- We love giving a hand over and sharing what your child has done at pre-school during the day, but this means a hold up at 3.30 as doing this for every child means we have lots of parents waiting in the foyers. We are happy for you to call during the day to find out how your child is doing, or if you are able to wait until we have said goodbye to all the children then a member of the team would be happy to give a more detailed handover.

If you have any suggestions, we would love you to share them with us. Just pop your suggestions down in an email :)