



Pre-Prep News

15 September



World Environment Day

Back in June on World Environment Day, each child in Pre-Prep made a clay leaf or a piece of tree bark. They have since been fired and are now fixed permanently to the wall near Y1. It's a great piece of whole-school art work.



Christmas Fun and Games

Our annual Christmas event will be on **Wednesday 30 November at 2.00pm** in the Pre-Prep Hall. This is a fund raising event with money raised shared equally between a chosen charity and the Pre-Prep to support the cost of educational visits and visitors, entertainment and the end-of-year production.



In previous years activities and stalls have included a cake and produce stall, Christmas crafts, a raffle, tombola and reindeer racing.

The first planning meeting will be on Tuesday 27 September at 8.30 in the Pre-Prep dining hall – please come along so that we can begin to plan activities and stalls.

Explore Day

Our first Explore Day was a great success. The children were grouped into four mixed age working groups (Pre-School to Year 2) – Lemon Sherbet, Organic Olives, Chocolate Drops and Raspberry Ripple. During the day they took part in four activities – clay work, glass painting, willow butterflies and collage. The year group board has photos of the children taking part so do take time to have a look. The clay tiles and willow butterflies will eventually go home.





'Cool Learning Breakfast'

The menu for our breakfast last week included fresh strawberry smoothies, rice krispies, cornflakes, Weetabix, porridge, sliced banana, dried apricots and raisins. Delicious! A healthy start to a working day!



Year 2 Workshop

As part of their work on the 3 R's, the Y2 the children had a fun and informative day of activities with Beth from the Carymoor Environmental Centre. The children found out how to produce good compost for our school garden and used plastic bottles as mini greenhouses to grow beans and spring bulbs. They also made paper from recycled materials and re-used scrap materials to make hanging butterflies.



Harvest Festival

Friday 30 September • Pre-Prep Hall • 9.15am

Parents and friends are invited to join the Pre-Prep children and staff at the Harvest Festival in the Pre-Prep Hall on Friday 30 September at 9.15am. As in previous years, we are encouraging the children to decorate a small box e.g. a shoe box and fill it with harvest offerings. The box can be decorated in any form and should be covered securely with cling film. The children will be given some ideas for decorating the boxes during assembly on Friday 23 September. The Harvest boxes will be collected by the Street Branch of the Salvation Army. Consequently, only dry and tinned goods will be suitable for the boxes – rice, pasta, sugar, cereals, tinned soup etc. A representative from the Salvation Army will attend our Harvest Festival to receive the boxes. The Harvest boxes may be brought to the classrooms from Monday 26 September onwards. The Harvest Festival will be approximately 30 minutes in duration.

Coffee will be served in the Pre-Prep dining hall before the service

PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME IS 9.15am not 9.30am

Lost Property

Arthur has lost his school coat. Please return to Year 1 when found. Thank you.

Millfield Minis



Millfield Minis our parents and toddler group now runs on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10.00-11.30am. Please contact Mrs. Hooper or Mrs. Berrow if you would like further details.

REMINDERS

Ballet—From Wednesday 21 September the ballet groups are as follows: Reception 2.45-3.15pm, Y1 and Y2 3.15-4.00pm.

Exeat Weekend—School finishes on Friday 23 September at 3.15pm – therefore there will be no after school activities or after school care.

Play Equipment—In the interests of safety parents must not allow their children play on the wooden climbing frame etc. in the playground at drop off or collection times. They are for use only when supervised by a member of staff during the school day.