



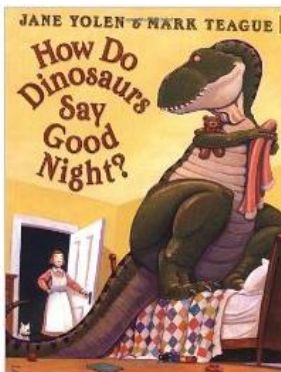
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Newsletter
Autumn Term 1 2022

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new children and families to Hersden Under 5's, and to welcome back those who were with us in July, we hope you all enjoyed the summer break.



Theme: This term we are focussing our learning around the books: *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* This funny book will open up a world of learning opportunities, particularly about rhyme, dinosaurs and bedtime routines. Your children are welcome to share any relevant items with us, including stories, games, songs or toys. We are also focussing on **Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health & Well-Being**, with a particular focus on the need for sleep. For further information on the goals, please see: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

We will also be learning about Harvest Festival. Water Meadows Primary School has kindly invited us to join their celebration on Monday 3rd October. Please send any donations of food for the Harvest Festival to pre-school by Friday 30th September.

EYPP funding: To further support the development of Communication and Language and Literacy for all of the children, we have used some of the Early Years Pupil Premium funding to purchase a book from the series *How Do Dinosaurs...* for each child. We are currently enjoying sharing the stories with all of the children, and we will be sending a copy home for each child to keep and share with their family, along with ideas for learning at home, within the next few weeks. We hope you will enjoy sharing these books with your children.

Parent Readers: We would like to invite parents/carers/grandparents or friends. to come to pre-school to tell their favourite story, or read one of our books, to the children. Please chat to Isabel or Denise if you would like to do this.

Family Board: We have an ongoing display in preschool, of photographs of the children with their families, which the children love to look at and talk about. This helps the children have to have a sense of belonging and to learn that all families are different. Please do send in (or email) a family photograph for your child to share, discuss and display. A note on who's who would be very helpful!

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 19th September: Pre-school will be closed, as this is a national bank holiday for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral. This will allow families and staff to pay their respects to Her Majesty and commemorate Her reign, while marking the final day of the period of national mourning.

Monday 3rd October: Annual General Meeting at 19:00 at the pre-school: This is an open meeting which everyone with an interest in pre-school is welcome to attend. We are looking for new parent members to join the Management Committee, so please come along to find out what it is all about and offer your support.

Thursday 13th October, Key Person Meetings: Please make an appointment with Isabel or Denise, to discuss with us how your child has settled into pre-school, and their progress through the Early Years Foundation Stage. We will share their Learning Journals with you and give you yellow stickers to take home, for you to record your child's learning, or "wow" moments on. These will then be added to their Learning Journals.

Friday 14th October, Photographer: Water Meadows primary School has kindly given us a slot with their photographer from 13.00 to 13.30. If your child is not at pre-school on a Friday afternoon, and you would like to have their photograph taken, please meet us at the entrance gate at 13.00. Siblings are also welcome to have their photograph taken.

Holidays: Pre-school will close on **Friday 21st October at 16.00** and reopen on **Monday 31st October at 9.00**.

Friday 28th October, Halloween Disco. Family friendly fundraising event at Chislet Colliery Welfare Club, 19.00 – 22.00 – Look out for fliers and posters and further info on Facebook . . .

Kind Regards,
The Hersden Under 5's Team

