

# NEWSLETTER November 2023

Welcome back to everyone and we hope you have had a lovely half term. We are now on the second half of Autumn term and on the countdown to (dare I say it??) CHRISTMAS!! There will be lots of fun things happening over the next 6 weeks so please keep an eye out for information.

Last half term the children got to use their new outdoor area and I think it's safe to say they LOVE IT! It makes us so proud and happy to see the children running around and exploring the large space. We are still in the process of adding things to the area, but it is looking great, and the children are benefiting every day, come rain or shine, from being outside more.

We also introduced our daily board with information of what the children get up to each day, daily Facebook posts with photos, and our nappy changing diaries. This was a response to the parent and carer questionnaire that was completed at the end of the summer term. We hope you are enjoying seeing and hearing more about what your children get up to daily. Please feel free to give any feedback.

We hope you enjoyed our "Share a Book" session. It was so lovely to have such a great turn out! The children loved having you all there to hear their favourite story. We will be holding another session this half term.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Halloween Disco. We hope the children enjoyed it as much as we did. We are yet to finalise costs but will have made just over £200 to spend on the children which is fantastic!

The children started visiting the library bus too. To see such happy faces as they walked onto the bus and saw all those books was amazing! They love going and looking at all the books and puzzles. They also get to have a chat with the librarian and locals that are also visiting. Please let us know if you would like a book ordering for yourself, or child, and we can collect it for you. Remember that we do have books available to borrow in our entrance area too.

This half of term has started with a very busy week looking at bonfire night, light and dark. Diwali and Remembrance Day. The children have enjoyed using our dark dens to explore lights and colour and will end the week with an Indian buffet for Diwali. We will be taking part in Nursery Rhyme week next, followed by "How to keep ourselves safe" the week after for Road Safety week. We will then look at Space for a week before we then enter CHRISTMAS FUN!

Please help us by selling as many raffle tickets as possible for our Christmas Hampers (which are looking FAB!), and please spread the word about our Christmas Fair on Sunday  $19^{th}$  November at Ditton Priors Village Hall 12-4pm. We have 20 fantastic stalls, a pizza trailer, crafts for the children and SANTA! (please remember to book a slot to guarantee a gift!).

And finally, please remember we have a lovely website that has lots of information on including term and diary dates. Please take a look: <a href="https://www.littleexplorers-preschool.co.uk/">https://www.littleexplorers-preschool.co.uk/</a>

## Diary Dates

Share a book afternoon: TBC Stay and Play morning: TBC

Nativity: TBC

Christmas Holidays: Thursday 21st Dec – Tuesday 2nd Jan

PD Days: Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan, Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan & Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan

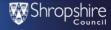
## Little Explorers contacts

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If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email

Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call us on 01743 250950



# PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

available

Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm You can contact the Parenting Help and Support Line by calling

# 01743 250950

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment. Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Help and Support Line where one of our trained

Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Help and Support Line will not operate Bank Holidays and between Christmas & New Year)

Phonological awareness is a really important skill to help kids learn the basics of reading 😂 Here are some super

easy ways we can build phonological awareness into our

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021











Saying the first or last sound in a word

# Online safety: top tips

Going online is a huge part of most young people's lives so it's important to talk to them about online safety. Here's our tips to get you started

#### Chat to them about what they like to do online

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to talk to them and have regular conversations so that online safety is part of everyday discussion. Ask them open-ended questions like 'What's your favourite game or app to play on?'.

#### Talk about who they are in contact with online

There are lots of different ways that children can talk to people online — messaging apps, on social media, and less obvious ways such as chat on online games. Talk to your child about who they are talking to and what they are sharing with them.

## Help manage what they see and do online

- $Device \ settings-manage \ things \ like \ location \ sharing, screen time \ and \ in-app \ purchases. \ Most \ tech \ and \ gaming \ companies \ have \ dedicated \ pages \ to \ support \ with \ setting \ these \ up.$
- Mobile or network provider settings help to manage browsing access and stop your child from inappropriate sites or downloading apps that aren't suitable. Contact your mobile or broadband for more information about setting this up.

### Remember it's ok to ask for help!

- Visit the NSPCC online safety hub: nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety
- Call the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000 to speak to an adviso.
- Speak to your child's teacher

If your child needs more support, they can contact Childline: childline.org



