

15th January 2016

Welcome back everybody and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We have had a busy couple of weeks at Apsley Lock Pre-School with several new children starting with us. Everyone seems to be settling in well.

Winter Theme

Our theme for the last two weeks has been Winter. We have been doing lots of fun activities including painting winter twigs for our display, snowmen potato print pictures, winter tree hand prints and making bird feed. We have been reading the stories 'Going on a Bear Hunt', 'The Gruffalo's Child' and 'Stickman.'

Our letters and sounds have been 's' this week and will be 'a' next week. We have also looked at the numbers 1 and 2. Our colours have been blue and white. We will continue to look at a letter/sound, a number and a colour each week and will let you know what they are so that you can look out for learning opportunities at home with your children.

Website

We are currently in the process of updating our website. We are hoping that we can keep you updated regularly on our day to day news, our policies and procedures and events. As soon as it is ready to launch we will let you know.

Training

Over the last couple of months, we have all been busy making sure that our training is up to date. Lucy and Jacquie attended Designated Person training, which included interesting information on e-safety. We have attached a clip which explains this in more detail. It introduces the idea of staying safe online. <http://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

Our children may seem a little young for you to be thinking about this but many families now have iPads, laptops and smart phones with access to apps, and our children are very tech savvy from an early age! You can find more information at <http://bit.ly/eSafetyAdviceforParents>

If you have any questions about any of the training we have attended then please do not hesitate to ask us.

Appropriate Clothing

Can we please ask that your children come to Pre-school with warm clothes and a water proof coat and/or wellies when it has been raining. We are hoping to take the children out for some Winter walks over the next few weeks to make links with what we have been learning inside.

Diary Dates

Half Term Holidays – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2016

Mother's Day Breakfast – Thursday 3rd March (9.15-9.45am) More details to follow...

Coffee Morning – Friday 1st April 2016

Easter Holidays – Monday 4th April – Friday 15th April 2016 (Please note Hertfordshire Easter holidays do not coincide with Good Friday and Bank Holiday Monday).

Kind regards

The Apsley Lock Pre School Team