



# Holding Hands Pre-school

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To all of our parents and carers,

We hope you are all enjoying the half term and we look forward to hearing all about what you get up to this week! If you need some ideas for what to do during the break there's always something going on down at the farm. On the 28th October from 12-4pm Mares will be Holding a Horsey Halloween. You are invited to paint the horses as skeletons, help with pumpkin carving, enjoy cake and biscuit decorating, refreshments and a guided tour around the farm! All this for £5. Booking is essential due to limited spaces, so get in touch.

During the last week of the half term, we enjoyed doing a little Halloween preparation of our own...the children explored what the inside of a pumpkin feels like, roasted pumpkin seeds and made pumpkin soup, which we ate outside in the crisp air in our mud kitchen. They also painted their very own pumpkins and spiders and continued to make representations of autumn using paint, leaves, tissue paper and other materials. Interestingly, without any prompt from the adults, the children began to select Halloween style dress up last week and we had lots of role play involving witches and skeletons. Out and about on the farm, the children helped clear the horse chestnut leaves and conkers from the horse field and cleared out the rabbit hutches, making them clean and cosy again. They are also spending lots of time with the baby goats to help them gain confidence around people.

Just a little reminder that parent feedback will be held on Monday 29th October and the setting will be closed on this day. If you have put your name down to speak to your child's key person, we look forward to seeing you then. Preschool will be open again on Tuesday 30th October as usual.

If you have not already done so, please ensure your forms are returned for spring term sessions as soon as possible. These forms also have an option for after school provision should you require. Spaces are already being allocated and should you wish to increase or change sessions we will need your forms returned to avoid disappointment. Thank you in advance.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has been handing in news from home sheets. These have been lovely to share with the children and all of their friends and it has encouraged a lot of discussion amongst the children! This is all great for friendships, language development and understanding and we would like to invite you to use the forms to tell us about anything you might have enjoyed over half term. Thanks again.

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to ask all of our parents if there is anything you would like discussed in our emails. We like to keep everybody updated on what has been going on in the setting first and foremost but in the past we have also used our weekly email for discussion on current topics as well as for advice and support. Please get in touch if there is anything you would like us to include from lunch box ideas to potty training advice, what the early years foundation stage curriculum is or advice on behaviour, local days out, play dates and more.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email,  
The Holding Hands Team.