



Holding Hands Preschool Fortnightly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 11th November 2024

Celebrating Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance!

Take a look below to find out what we have been up to...
Sensory

- Different art techniques
 - *Printing – using handprints, apples and cardboard tubes to make a variety of prints supporting the past months events.
 - *Drawing – using magnetic boards, paper and pens/ pencils/ crayons, free mark-making
 - *Collage – using shapes to build a rocket and various materials to decorate it.
- Colourful rice sensory tray – what's hiding inside? Using tweezers and spoons! Making patterns!
- Heuristic play with natural resources – autumn leaves, conkers, bark, pebbles, moss, etc.

Outside

- Garden sensory trays
 - *Making potions - combining and mixing colours in our pots and pans, using ladles, spoons and pipettes!
- Building a bridge and balancing across.
- Splashing in the puddles and the water tray
- Driving, Riding bikes and using scooters – practising steering, manoeuvring and sharing skills.

Story Corner

- Our favourite songs – '1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Fireworks', 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom' and 'Hop Little Bunnies'.
- Our favourite stories – 'Augustus and His Smile' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

Gym

- Interactive Board – 'Cbeebies Poppies animation', 'Nikhil and Jay and the Deepavali Fireworks', and 'My First Festivals – Diwali, Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night'.
- Free-play and construction; parachute games, Duplo, bead maze, musical instruments.
- Keeping Active Indoors – Indoor climbing apparatus, balance beams, hopscotch, throwing and catching with beanbags, dancing to music.

What's happening over the following weeks?

- The children will begin to look at seasonal changes moving from autumn into winter, discussing hibernation, animals and their habitats.
- We will begin to look at upcoming celebrations that the children are discussing, e.g., Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year.

Dates For Your Diary (Updated)...

Tuesday 5th November - Autumn term (2nd half)
Preschool returns with normal operational hours from this date.

Saturday 30th November – Pre-loved Jumble Sale
We are holding our jumble sale between 10am-12.30pm and more details have been sent out separately (11/11/24). For those interested in selling, please get in touch via email (holdinghandspreschool.news@gmail.com)

Tuesday 17th December – End of Autumn Term.
Preschool will close at the end of the afternoon session on this date, for the Festive period.

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Celebration 10.30am-12.30pm

Preschool will be holding a party for the children on this date, followed by a Christmas trail and grotto! Further communications regarding this event have been sent separately (11/11/24).

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Stay and Play Session.

Preschool will be holding a stay and play session from 10am-12pm on this date. Come along between these times with your child/ren and spend some time playing in the setting together.
*NO preschool provision on this date.

Wednesday 8th January 2025 – Spring Term (1st half).

Preschool returns with normal operational hours from this date.

Baby and Toddler Stay and Play – To be confirmed.

Holding Hands Preschool are looking into running a stay and play session regularly from January 2025. Please see below for more information and make sure to get in touch or chat to a member of the team to express an interest...

*Please always check subsequent newsletters for updates to our key dates!

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on the next
page...**

Baby and Toddler Stay and Play

Show of Interest

Holding Hands Preschool are currently looking into organising and arranging a baby and toddler stay and play session, in time for the new year! We are keen to get a show of interest from our existing families (and your friends) to see if this would be a valuable community group in this area. It would likely be held on a Friday morning and we have a few ideas but would welcome any feedback from yourselves too. The session will not affect the running of the preschool in any way and would hopefully be a valuable asset to the local families in our surrounding areas. Let us know if you would be keen to find out more by sending an email to

holdinghandspreschool.news@gmail.com



**Please bring
in your family
photograph!**

Family Displays

We are continuing to update our family displays, and we still have lots of families who don't have a photo up on the wall.

The children thoroughly enjoy seeing photographs of their own families on display in our communal areas and discussing these with peers and practitioners. We would love for every child to have their family photo on display and would like to ask for you to bring one in if you haven't already done so. Photos will be attached to the wall carefully but may not be returned in perfect condition, so please don't bring in very special photos.

Thank you.

Parent Feedback and Macmillan Coffee Morning

We just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and joined us for our coffee morning, as well as all those who have continued to donate throughout the past week. We will let everyone know a total raised for the cause in due course, but we will leave the donation box out in the cloakroom for anyone else who wishes to donate this week. You can also make a contribution via the link below if that's easier for you...

[Will you donate to Macmillan Coffee Morning 2024?](#)

Additionally, thank you to all of our lovely families who joined us for parent feedback last week. It's always a pleasure to speak to you all, about your children's progress!

**Join the
WhatsApp group
for regular
updates,
arranging play
dates and easy
communication**

Christmas Raffle Prize Donations Needed

Donations of any bottle (alcohol/ non-alcohol), unopened gifts, unused cosmetics, toiletries, etc., new books/ toys/ games/ clothing, complete hampers, unopened food gifts, company/ workplace donations, vouchers, or anything else! Thank you!

Socials

- Website

Please find the link to our Holding Hands Preschool website below. This will now be updated regularly and will be a great source of information and updates, such as newsletters and term dates. Make sure to take a look and tell us what you think.

[Home - Holding Hands Pre-School Ltd \(holdinghandspreschool.co.uk\)](http://www.holdinghandspreschool.co.uk)

- Facebook

Please find the link to our Holding Hands Preschool Facebook page below. This will now be updated regularly and will be a great source of information and updates. Make sure to like, follow and share!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091883683367>

- WhatsApp

Additionally, we have included the link to our parents WhatsApp group below. Created to share information, connect and give our families a community of like-minded friends!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BGNO6P04FDD7a0Gd88PcNZ>

