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PRE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

This term we have been exploring the Arctic and Antarctic, with children delving into the animals that live there, the colour white, measuring our size compared to a Polar Bear and plenty of sensory craft and painting using ice! This has helped children to expand their vocabulary and confidence in describing different textures - it has helped that we have had some cold January weather, too!

Please can we remind you that Parents' Evening is to be held next term on Monday 26th February. This will allow you to book a slot to meet with your child's Key Person (a sign-up sheet is in the foyer after half term), where you can discuss their progress. We look forward to seeing you, if you cannot attend please let us know.

It is essential that children have a warm coat, hat and gloves with them each day in Pre-School, please. We really do go out and explore in all weathers and teaching the children to put on their own coats - and then to find their peg to hang it up afterwards - is great practise for school-readiness, particularly for our older children. You are welcome to leave outdoor clothing in a named bag on their peg, along with a pair of wellies.

As you know, there have been a lot of winter bugs and viruses going around this term. Please can we reiterate that we all must comply with our policies regarding illness. Keep your child off if they are unwell, particularly if they have a rash or a temperature. Please do not give your child pain relief before dropping them off as this can mask symptoms and then they can struggle in the late morning. As always, please inform us if your child has a confirmed case of an infectious illness; for things such as Scarlet Fever we have a duty of care to other children and staff, we must also inform South Glos if we have an outbreak of certain diseases. Thank you for your continuing support with this, we have installed extra cleaning procedures and had an external company do a deep clean of Pre-School last weekend. If we all play our part, we will continue to keep everyone healthy during the winter months.

Children are really enjoying their sensory play at the moment so if you happen to have any old flour, lentils, rice or pasta spare we would be so grateful for any donations!

With many thanks,
The Pre-School Team



