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Theydon Bois Pre-School Group

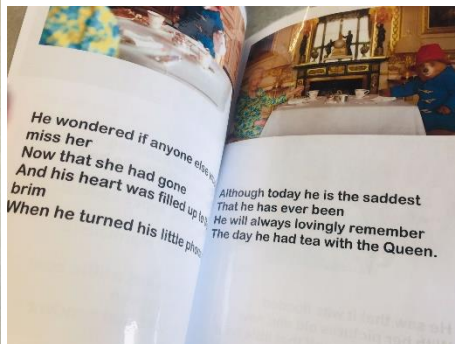
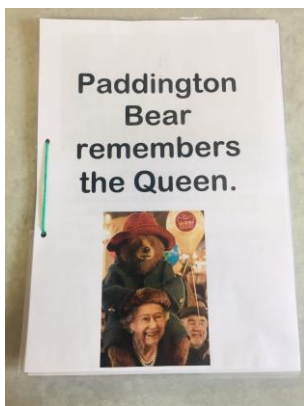
Newsletter – wc 17th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the first half of the Autumn term. We have welcomed back 14 children from last term and settled 27 new children into our pre-school.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone for coming to our first coffee morning of the academic year – we are pleased to tell you that we raised £52! We hope you all enjoyed meeting new faces and we look forward to planning another coffee morning for the near future.

As the nation paid their respects to our Queen, here at pre-school we read a wonderful story book created by an early year's practitioner about a Bear the children all love called Paddington and how he remembered the Queen. Some of the children were even able to share with us that we now have a King 😊



With Autumn upon us we have been exploring the natural environment and using items found outside to create works of art....



[Theydon Bois Preschool Group - Home page \(weebly.com\)](http://www.weebly.com)

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For the first half of the term the children have been looking at the topic of 'All about me' – myself, my family, where I live, my pets, finishing this week with 'my favourite things at pre-school'...



Each child was drawn around and the children named parts of their bodies, they had fun personalising them by adding their own facial expressions and hair!



A trip to the allotment to see the Autumn veggies and fruits...touching/feeling the acorns...apple printing whilst discussing features on our faces...two eyes, a nose and mouth with our teeth for eating! This tied in very nicely with the 'My Body' song which mirrored key words....



TLC is an [Essex campaign](#) that looks to help parents, carers and families of young children support their children's communication development and learn how to help their children gain the best start in life through playful learning at home. Please take a look at the websites for further information (these links can also be found on our website under '[keeping you informed](#)')

Lost Property & Labelling

Please could we remind parents to label **ALL** items of clothing, lunch boxes and drinks bottles with your child's name. It is especially helpful at lunch time so that we can ensure lunch boxes and water bottles are given to the correct child.



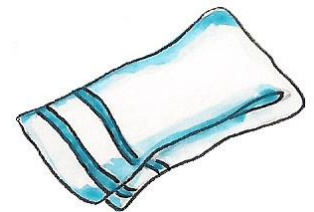
Sticky name labels can be purchased at Stikins.co.uk. By using [this link](#) a percentage of sales will be donated back to the pre-school so you will also be supporting our fundraising initiatives!

If your child has lost an item of clothing at the pre-school, please do have a look in our lost property box which can be found in the porch area (where you drop/collect lunch boxes), it is a bright pink box so you cannot miss it.



For anyone still wishing to pay for their **snack** and **activity donations** for the Autumn term, we kindly suggest £25 for snack donation for the 14 weeks of term (working out to £1.79 per week) and either £10 per term or £30 per year for activity donations (working out to 0.71p per week for the Autumn term). Donations can be made via card reader or online bank transfer. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you to all those parents who have kindly volunteered to be on our **Tea Towel washing Team!** If anyone else would like to add their name to the list, please get in [touch](#).



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We have been so impressed with how many children are starting to bring in their items from home to show their friends and teachers at circle time.

Letter of the week...We are encouraging the children to bring items for show and tell that start with the letter of the week. This week the letter is **Dd**.

Phonics - Here at pre-school, we use the **Jolly Phonics** learning system. Generally, we introduce capital letters at the beginning of a child's name in the setting and only progress from there if we feel the child is ready.

If you feel you would like to extend your child's learning at home/ in the car, you can purchase a Jolly Phonic's CD to have at home which will aid your child's learning and hopefully they will recognise the familiar songs linked to the system they hear whilst at pre-school. Please speak to us at the gates if you have any questions about our phonics learning.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wc 17th October – Autumn dress up week (£1)
- Monday 31 October – INSET day (pre-school is closed)
- Half term - wc 24 October (*returning Tues 1 November*)
- Thursday 10th November – Hair Braiding Fundraiser
- Tuesday 22nd November – Clothing collection fundraiser
- Wednesday 23rd November – AGM