

We are all so pleased to be back at Pre-school and to start our summer term. These are challenging and uncertain times but Checkendon pre-school is happy to be back, continuing to create a safe and inspiring environment for the children to continue to learn in. The children have been really good at following and learning the new routines and procedures and we would like to thank the families and the local community who have been helping us to keep the pre-school a safe and fun place to be. We would also like to thank The village hall and their committee who have been extremely supportive and helpful throughout these times.

We have lots of fun and exciting things for the children to do this term.

At present we are following childrens interests which lead us to go on a dinosaur hunt! The children have been exploring the outdoors, exploring their surroundings and using their imaginations hunting for dinosaur bones. We were all really excited when we found a giant Dinosaur egg! We made a nest for it so that we could keep it warm, in hope that it would hatch! We all think it will be a Tyrannasaurus Rex. The children took out their explorers bucket and were able to find lots of dinosaur bones, which we used to make our very own dinosaur. This encouraged the children to use lots of language , discussing sizes shapes of the bones, whether it was heavy or light, big or small or smooth and sharp. The children have enjoyed this so much that we are going to extend this activity.

We have been making the most of our beautiful outdoors and lovely weather exploring and investigating the woodlands and local area incorporating maths in the outdoor environment. Investigating the different shapes we can see in nature and collecting sticks, leaves, flowers and stones in our buckets to create our own shapes, count and solve number problems. Activities such as these enables the children to explore their curiosity, develop team building skills, further enhance their mathematical development and also gives them a great sense of independence.

I am delighted to inform you that Checkendon Pre-School C.I.O has been able to raise just under £1000 last year with a wide variety of fundraising events such as the Christmas raffle and our sponsored fishing event. This is a very welcome support which will enable us to provide some wonderful new resources for the children to support their learning and development so a very big thank you all who supported this scheme. Our next fundraising event is the Checkendon Run, which unfortunately has had to be postponed due to current circumstances please look on the website for details of when the event will run.

On behalf of Checkendon Pre-School we would like to say thank you so much for your continued support. We look forward to seeing and welcoming our new families as well as seeing our old friends back in September.

To find out more about Checkendon Pre-School C.I.O, do visit our website [www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk), call us on 01491 682589, e-mail [preschoolcheckendon@gmail.com](mailto:preschoolcheckendon@gmail.com) or just pop in – we always look forward to welcoming you to Checkendon Pre-School.

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