

NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2025

# **Dear Parents**

We have had a wonderful first couple of weeks back and everyone has settled in so well. A huge welcome to our new friends.

# Please note the following events in your diaries:

#### **SPRING TERM**

Half Term World Book Day Easter egg hunts End of term

SUMMER DATES

Monday 17<sup>th -</sup> Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February Thursday 6th March Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> April Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Start of Summer Term.	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April.
Bank Holiday (Nursery closed)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Sports Day	11.00 am Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (nursery closes after Sports
	Day at <b>12.00</b> for staff meeting)
Last day of term and	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July- <b>12.00 for our younger children</b>
Pre-schoolers Graduation	and 12.30 for pre-schoolers.

All children are invited to Sports day.

#### **CHINESE NEW YEAR - Year of the Snake**

We will be making Chinese hats, lanterns and food tasting with chopsticks during the week of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** children that attend this session may come to school dressed in red, the Chinese colour of celebration, or a Chinese costume. Please put outdoor clothes in a spare bag or underneath costumes, if needed.

SHROVE TUESDAY – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We will be tossing pancakes and eating them at snack time.

### WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

If your child is present on this day, they may come to nursery dressed as their favourite character. **Please can they also bring along their favourite book.** We will be reading stories and drawing pictures throughout the day.

# No superheroes or Disney characters please e.g. No: Ninjas, batman, princesses etc as the play becomes too rough/excitable for 7 hours of the day!

Please bring suitable clothes underneath the outfit or in a spare bag for outdoor play.

Some suggestions may be...



# STAY AND PLAY

Parents and or Grandparents/cares are invited for a stay and play hour on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 8.45-9.45. All children welcome. This will be an opportunity for Parents/Grandparents to chat with your child's key worker, share with the children their early learning journals (scrapbooks) and have a play with their child at Ladybird.

# PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. This is an opportunity to book an allocated time slot to speak to your child's key worker (timings to be confirmed.) This occasion is for parents/grandparents and not for the children.

# SHOW AND TELL

This term show and tell is changing to a **Wednesday** morning.

We would love to encourage your child to discuss their chosen show and tell, this really helps their confidence. Suggestions - Something relevant to our weekly topic, medals/trophies, photos, a favourite story. Please do not bring dolls/cars/ toys with no relevance.

# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Our nursery policies and procedures and early years information is all on our website. A list of the terms extended activities and your **child's key teacher** is also on display on the notice board. Please take a few moments to check the notice board and all the information on the website.

# WONDERFUL WORDS

We alternate a chosen word to discuss with your child in circle time. Previous words have been '**magical'** '**spectacular**' and '**precise.**' We look at the meaning of these words, along with the pronunciation. If your child has any suggested words that they would like to teach their friends then please let me know.

# **RUGBYTOTS AND SPANISH**

Both of these bring a huge amount of excitement to the children and they are learning new skills whilst having lots of fun.

# RAINBOW BEAR

We are excited to offer our pre-school children a special opportunity to take home our nursery teddy bear. When they return to nursery, your child will have the chance to share their experiences with their friends and teachers about what they did together with the bear. Every pre-schooler will have an opportunity to take the bear home by the end of the summer term.

# SOCIAL MEDIA

We now have an active Facebook page and will soon launch an Instagram page. Please follow us to see pictures of what your children are doing during their nursery day.

# A FEW REMINDERS....

### Sausages/grapes/tomatoes

Please **chop** up small **sausages**, **grapes and tomatoes** in the children's lunch boxes. Although there is a teacher at each table these items are the biggest choking hazards for small children.

Please name clothing and water bottles.

Our nursery website now features a parent review page. If you have any positive comments to share, please send them to me. I will add them to our webpage. Thank you in advance!

Please remember that we have an open-door policy. If you would like to chat with any of the teachers, please just ask.

Best wishes, Beckie

