



# Nursery News

Spring 2 Term February – March 2018

Welcome to the Spring 2 Nursery Newsletter. It was lovely to see everyone's smiley faces back after the half-term break. This is another short term with a lot to pack in before we break up for Easter.

## Full-Time School Places

The school place allocations for Reception will be announced on the 16th April.

You should receive notification from the County Council to let you know whether you have been given a place at our school. Please note, if you have not applied within the window you will not receive notification! If you don't receive notification, or have any issues or concerns please come and see me and I will try my best to help you.

## Shared Learning 4

This half term we will be talking about children's love of books so we would like your child to draw a picture of their favourite book/character from a book so we can make a display.

## Things to practice at home

I know most of you practice skills at home with your children, but I am really encouraging all parents to continue to practice basic skills.

Even if your child has already mastered certain things (counting, colour recognition, shape recognition) it is still really important to keep these up. I will be giving out a sheet titled "top ten things to practice at home" to give you some ideas.

## Additional Sessions

We have a few wraparound sessions available. Please let me know if you would like to book any. Some sessions are full, so please check before you make plans!

## Learning Journals

I am pleased to finally announce that we are much closer to getting your child's learning journal accessible to parents/carers. On Thursday 8th March, at 4.30pm, we have Sue Wild (school 360 ICT learning consultant) coming into school to present to all parents what a learning journey is about and how it can be accessed by you and your child.

If you wish to attend this session to learn more, please sign up on the notice board in Nursery.

## Spare Clothes

Please ensure that your child has at least one full set of clothes on their peg at all times, so that if they get wet, painty or muddy we can get them changed. If your child does borrow any of our spare clothes, please can they be returned.

## Secret Reader

THANK YOU very much for your response to Secret reader! The children have LOVED listening to parents/grandparents/siblings read. The sign up sheet shall be on the notice board this half term and I really encourage you to sign up. It is a fantastic opportunity to share a memorable experience with your child!

## Toys

Can I please remind parents that children should only bring toys into Nursery that they wish to "show and tell" and that are special. A lot of toys are getting lost causing children to become upset.

### **Stay and Play**

Stay and Play this half term will take place on:

Mon 19th March 10.15 and 14.00

Wed 21st March 10.15 and 14.00

Fri 23rd March 10.15 and 14.00

### **Diary Dates**

- ◇ 1st March World Book Day (dress up)
- ◇ 19/21/23 March Stay and Play
- ◇ 23rd March Sport relief
- ◇ 28th March Easter Bingo
- ◇ 29th March Spring Assembly (invite only)
- ◇ 29th March School finishes for Easter holidays

### **Birth Certificates**

If not already done so, please ensure the School Office has a copy of your child's birth certificate.

### **Change in Circumstances**

Please let us know if you have a change in family circumstances. It is not us being nosey, but we need to be able to support your child, and cannot do so if we do not know about big things happening in their lives. We will, of course, maintain confidentiality as appropriate.

### **Library**

We have a varied selection of children's books, including those linked to some of the things we are learning. Reading to your child is incredibly important for their development, so we encourage you to borrow our books to share. Please bring them back though, so that others can share them too!

### **Curriculum**

Throughout the year we teach basic skills whilst also developing the learning that the children initiate themselves. However, we also use themes of seasons and celebrations as stimuli for further learning and development as these are things that all the children can relate to.

This half term we are learning about People that help us. If you are in a caring profession (doctor's, nurses, paramedics, vets, police officer etc) and would like to come in and chat to our children about your job we would love to hear from you! Just let either myself or Kerry know.

### **Spring 2 General Aims for older children**

- ◇ Developing concentration and perseverance
- ◇ Developing fine motor skills
- ◇ Using a range of tools safely.
- ◇ Listening to others
- ◇ Rhyme and alliteration
- ◇ Independent name writing
- ◇ Story telling
- ◇ Putting things away after we have finished using them (still!)

### **Spring 2 General Aims for younger children**

- ◇ Turn-taking and sharing
- ◇ Developing fine motor skills
- ◇ Playing with others
- ◇ Listening to others
- ◇ Sounds all around us
- ◇ Talking in full sentences
- ◇ Changing independently

### **Blog**

Another reminder to parents that I write a blog on the school website (under class pages) where I share photos and information about what we have been up to in Nursery, please take a read!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in speaking to one of the staff.

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