



Nursery News

Half Term Holidays!



Wednesday 15th February 2017

Dear Parents,

We would like to wish all of our children and families a very happy half term holidays filled with lots of fun and special memories. **To capture what children do over the holiday week each child has been provided with a Holiday Diary sheet to complete, these have been placed inside of children's Book Diary Bags. We ask that you write a brief description of anywhere children visit or what they get up to and this can be accompanied by a photograph or picture the children have drawn. Children will share these in their first session back to Nursery after the holidays.** This term we will be continuing to promote independence with all children including putting on and zipping coats, changing shoes for outdoors as well as using the toilet. We would appreciate your support with these skills at home and when children enter or leave Nursery. Letters and sounds will continue along with a Number Focus Week. We will also begin our new topic 'All about Animals' after the holidays as children have expressed an interest in animals following our focus on Chinese New Year.

We would like to inform families of upcoming events in Nursery for the Spring term.

- **Monday 27th February; Pancake Week celebrations.** We will be carrying out a range of activities based on the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' to link to the festival on Tuesday 28th February.
- **Wednesday 1st March; Character Ball** (World Book Day celebration for all children during usual session time)
- **Monday 6th March; Parental Consultations.** This is an opportunity for you to come into Nursery and discuss your child's progress and development with Mrs Bell and/or your child's key worker. Learning journeys will be available for you to look through.
- **Wednesday May 24th 2017; SAFC Trip.** This will be for each child and 1 adult to attend the session. A letter will be sent out after half term with more information about this. **We are providing notification for parents to be able to attend as children must be accompanied by an adult on this half day session.**

Book Diaries



Children have been completing some amazing entries into their book diaries and it's wonderful to see how excited the children are to select a new book and share what they have created in their diaries.

We kindly remind parents that when completing diary entries that the children complete as much of this as possible. We appreciate that family members may wish to join in however staff are looking at children's developing skills each week when these are shared in group and marked by Key Workers.

Some parents have commented that children have not enjoyed their books. Staff do ask children to sit and look through texts during session to see if they are interested in the pictures. If children comment that they don't like their chosen text at home we ask that parents discuss likes and dislikes about the book.

Number Focus Weeks



After half term we will begin to have a focus on Number each week entitled... "All about the Number ___". Your child will receive a sticker to let you know which number is our focus for the week. We would ask that you would extend this learning at home to support children's deeper level of understanding around numbers.

Activities will include counting out a specific number with a range of resources, organising these in different ways, exploring what groups of numbers make a number, e.g. $4+5=9$, $3+6=9$. Children will continue to look at forming numbers using a range of tools and materials, e.g. with water pots and brushes outdoors, chinks or even using natural resources to make the number. Making maths practical, large scale and fun is what we would encourage at home.

All About Animals



We have enhanced areas according to children's developing interest in areas. We have a new 'Habitat' Investigation area which will focus on animals that live in a different area each week such as the desert, rainforest etc. Children can also access our new 'Vets' role play area, a jungle sand area, an aquarium in our water tray, an animal junk modelling workshop as well as placing our ever popular wooden ark into our new 'Into the Ark' area which will include work on rainbows. We will be reading a range of texts linked to animals including 'Dear Zoo' as well as finding out facts for children about animals they are interested in. We will keep you posted with our learning.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support!
Mrs Bell, Mrs Lowes, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Cowley, Mrs Hewson and Mrs Hill

