



# Nursery News

## HAPPY EASTER!!!



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

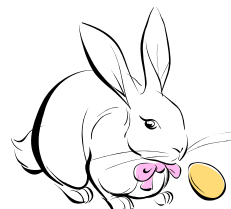
Dear Parents,

We would like to wish you and the children a very happy Easter – we are sure the Easter Bunny will be visiting your home soon. It is hard to believe that after a very busy term where your children have been involved in Chinese Dragon dancing, tasting noodles, prawn crackers and porridge, as well as listening to and acting out traditional stories – we have some budding bridge and boat builders in Nursery. Learning continues for the children outside of nursery so we have provided the children with a holiday diary sheet. We want the activity to capture key memories, and your child's diary sheet will be put into their new Summer term learning journeys that will eagerly await them on their return to Nursery to capture their new significant memories.

We have included a list of dates for your diary.

### Summer 1

- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April; Return to School**
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May; May Bank Holiday (NO NURSERY)**
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May; Return to School**
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May; School Finishes**



### Summer 2

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June INSET DAY (NO NURSERY)**
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - New Reception Parents Information 6pm** (Further information to follow)
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Visit to Beach**
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June; Summer Fayre**
- **Nursery Concerts; information regarding dates will be sent out next half term**

### Book Diaries



We have kept book dairies until after the holidays as we have sent out holiday diaries. We usually send both however we really want to focus on holiday experiences and all children will share these on their first session back to Nursery during key worker. Holiday diary entries will be placed into Learning Journals as we place a strong emphasis on home school links. We also have home learning story sheets in the entrance porch (in the green tray) for those of you wishing to complete these.

A reminder that if book diaries are returned the day they are to be sent out staff are unable to comment in these due to the daily routines in Nursery. We hope you support us with this.



After half term we will begin to have a focus on shape as well as positional language alongside our number focus weeks. These will be modelled in key worker activities.

You can support your children at home through their everyday experiences. We would ask that children look for shapes in their environment, e.g. spotting the circle wheels on the bus, a rectangle door when walking down the street. Positional language will support children with instructions, e.g. put the cup on top of the table.

Continuing to spot numbers when out and about, forming them in messy play, counting everyday objects as well as solving problems will continues to support children's developing number skills.

### Letters and Sounds



Children have continued to enjoy learning their letter sounds with the help of the cbeebies Alphablocks. We have now looked at recognising, forming and hearing letter sounds...

**m a s d t p i n o g c k u b f e**

Children have been looking at hearing initial sounds in words with these letters, e.g. p for pea. They have also looked at hearing rhymes such as win, tin, fin, bin. We have also been blending CVC words, e.g. dog. Adults say the sounds d- o - g and the children say the word. After the holidays no new sounds will be taught for the first few weeks as we consolidate sounds taught so far. We will inform you when new sounds have been taught.

## PE



**We will begin outdoor PE sessions after the Easter holidays.** We use the Nursery outdoor area to do this so on occasions it may be weather permitting. Children will carry out activities which involve moving in different ways, playing team games, developing co-ordination and thinking skills as well as having fun.

PE sessions will be on a **Wednesday**.

**We ask that all children come dressed in their usual jumper/cardigan and school t-shirt with trainers and tracksuit bottoms or leggings.** During these sessions we will begin practising our best moves for the Dance Festival.



### Nursery Spare Clothing

Thank you to those of you who have returned the spare Nursery clothing. We will always take any donations people have for t-shirts, jumpers, cardigans, skirts, trousers, socks, tights and underpants.

### Junk Modelling



Thank you to those of you who have continued to send in junk modelling resources. We now have a large stock of boxes, bottles and containers that will keep children busy for a few weeks. We will let you know again when we next need junk.

### Easter Activities

We have had lots of fun carrying out Easter activities in Nursery. The children made simple puppets, tasted hot cross buns and listened to lots of Easter stories. We also had fun with the parachute and an Easter egg hunt.



**Take a look at all the fun we had!**



## Summer Learning

As we continue to tailor the learning to the needs and interests of the children we are planning new opportunities within Nursery. Staff have just implemented some new opportunities which will continue after the holidays. Learning taking place is based around...



### Eggs

We have areas that are linked to hatching eggs. We will also be looking for and discussing signs of Spring. Children also have these in a range of areas to promote what animals are hatched from eggs. We already have tadpoles and chick eggs will arrive in Summer 2!

### Mini - beasts



We are extending our focus on growth and change by looking at mini-beasts. We will be spending lots of time in our garden observing and looking for mini-beasts. We have will have a mini –beast café, making our own bugs as well as reading stories and information books.

### Healthy Eating



We will be linking this into our PE focus. Children will explore different foods and what we should eat to make us grow healthy and strong. We will have a range of fun activities for children to carry out .

If you can help out in anyway, e.g. have any skills from your job you could come and show the children please see staff. We would love to invite you in to support learning.

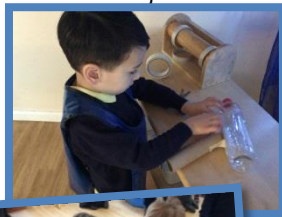


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On the 12<sup>th</sup> June we will be having a special arrival of chick eggs – please keep this quiet as the children do not know and we would like to plan this in to tell them.

## History Week (linked to Tall Ships) – Pirates Ahoy!

We had so much fun learning about and making our own boats/tall ships and testing them in the water tray.



## Party Invitations

We have lots of birthdays in Nursery and staff are happy to give out invitations however these will be placed into children's trays for children to collect. We would ask that you check your child's tray on a regular basis to see if they have any invitations to take home.

## Names on children's clothes

Can we ask that you label, put names on all of the children's clothing, the children are usually very good at placing items they take off into their trays but sometimes they can forget and it can be difficult to reunite each child with their missing clothing.



Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## Dough D-I-S-C-O

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their dough disco sessions and this is already supporting their early writing skills. Many parents have asked what is involved in this and some have googled this which has led them to watch videos of the lady who created this. We do not follow this video instead we lead the sessions ourselves with a different song that has a good beat from a range of musical eras.

In case you would like to do this at home with your child we have created a list of the movements we do at Nursery and the names we give them. Remember you can't really do this wrong as long as the children are moving in a range of ways, playing with the dough and having fun your on the right track!

**You can do these in any order – mix them up and have fun!**

**The Football;** warm your dough up with hands in a football shape.

**The Roundabout;** move the playdough around your waist, passing it to the opposite hand at the back and front. Change directions.

**The Swim;** make a windmill movement with your arm and as the arm comes down pass the playdough to the opposite hand and repeat on the other side.

**The Box;** place the dough in one hand and make a fist with the other, box the dough. Repeat on the opposite side.

**The Croc;** place the dough in one hand and snap the dough between the hands. Repeat on the opposite side.

**Fingers at the Disco;** with flat dough in the palm of your hand, press your fingers into the dough as though they are dancing. Repeat on the other side.

**Sausage Roll;** make a sausage roll with your dough.

**To finish we always make our dough into a sausage and then a “minion squish” to place it back into the pot.**



### Beach Visit



We will be enjoying a visit to the beach on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Details about the visit and the arrangements will be shared with you following the Easter break.

**We are hoping for some sunshine!**

### Mrs Bell



Mrs Bell had a baby girl at the end of February, both are doing very well. The staff and children have missed her and we look forward to seeing her soon. She has promised to bring in baby Isla as soon as she is able to – we are very excited. I have spoken to Mrs Bell and she asks after the children every time I speak to her – she sends her love and good wishes to all of the children, their families and thanks everyone for their lovely messages of support.

### Nursery Fund

Thank you to those of you who continue to support Nursery with your very kind donations. We have used the funds to buy Easter party snacks, play dough ingredients and other cookery activities.

The Nursery Money Box is in the cloakroom and we really would appreciate your contributions as would the children!



**We wish you all a very happy Easter!**

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support – we couldn't do it without you!  
Mrs Green, Mrs Lowes, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Cowley, Mrs Hewson and Mrs Hill

