

Newsletter February & March 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really looking forward to the brighter, longer and warmer days; with so much that we have planned for all the children this spring. Joining us at nursery are Harry, Harley, Isabelle, Oliveris, Shaurya, Skylar, Nevaeh and Olivia who are settling in well and starting to make lots of new friends.

The topics and Themes...

We will be looking at how to be kind to the environment, discussing the little things which we can do, including putting items in the correct bins and reusing packaging.

After the half term, we will be learning about the season of spring and what changes in the environment we may see. We will be discussing which animals enjoy the season, lifecycles and what new flowers we may see.

As spring approaches us, please do remember that we enjoy our walks in the community so bring your child with appropriate clothing and footwear.

Remember to bring layers, so if it is a colder day, we are able to wrap them up well.



Hand Washing...

Please remember the importance of hand washing and how it can break illness cycles. Most childhood illnesses are passed though cough/sneezes/faces and the best way to break the cycle is ensuring the children wash their hands often and well with soapy warm water. Please encourage them to do this after the toilet, after coughing/sneezing and before/after eating.



Alpaca Trip

We have a visit to the Alpaca farm at Dry Doddington on **Monday 9th March** where we will be meeting the Alpacas, learning some interesting facts about them and having a snack in the cafe.

World Book Week!

So no one misses out, we shall make a whole week of this exciting event.

Starting on Monday 2nd March, the children are invited to come in dressed up as their favourite book character, bringing in their favourite book to share with their friends.

Employee of the Month is Maddie

Maddie works very well with the whole team and is very kind and thoughtful with her support with the children. She is always wearing a smile and has a lovely relationship with the children.



How to Keep Your Children Safe on the Internet information sheet has been given out to all parents this term to help and remind us how to protect children who are looking online. Should you need further advice please speak with the Manager or Deputy Manager.

Staff Updates

Jess will be away on her maternity leave at the end of February ready for the arrival of her first baby, who is due in March. We wish her all the best – and cannot wait to hear the exciting baby news.

Rachel has now returned from her maternity leave after the birth of her daughter Olivia, and is back with the children in the Creative Room as the Room Leader. Rachel who last summer completed her Degree in Children and Education has recently commenced a level 2 Course in Special Educational Needs.

Ellie has recently joined the team and is working alongside Gosia, Demi and Abbie.E in the Explorer Room. Ellie has a Level 3 qualification in Childcare and she is a very enthusiastic practitioner and enjoys sport and many outdoor activities.

Early Speech through Rhymes and Sounds

All of the practitioners at nursery recently completed a course to encourage development of early speech through rhymes and the sounding of words during games and listening. Children having good listening and communication skills will help them in their next steps, ready for reading and writing at school.

Fit Feb and Beyond!!!

Did you know that we have a range of activities planned into our weekly routines to develop your child's fitness and ability?

On Tuesday and Friday afternoons, the children learn how to be part of a team and stretch their abilities to hop, skip, jump and catch a ball through our sessions with **Move-it**.

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons we dance and move with **Caterpillar Music**, with Anna's different themes and topics each week.

Thursday afternoons – we stay calm and relaxed with **Yoga** sessions with Katie

Throughout the week each of the rooms enjoy walks in the community, going to the park, lake and library, this helps encourage the children's understanding of road safety too.

