

Newsletter February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to have all of the children return from their Christmas break and tell us all about what they have been up to. The excitement on their faces telling us all about it has been lovely.



Chinese New Year – We had a fantastic time during our Chinese New Year Day – ‘Year of the Rabbit.’ We enjoyed our yummy banquet of Sweet and Sour Chicken, rice, spring rolls and prawn crackers. A lot of fun was had trying to use the chopsticks and lots of rice was lost! The children in Pre-School got all dressed up as a big dragon, dancing around the room and through the nursery. Writing our names in Chinese symbols was a big challenge, but we had a good go!

Theme - After the half term week, the children will be beginning to look at their favourite books and songs. This will then link into telling lots of stories of their own. We will be taking lots of walks to the local library in Balderton, as well as catching the bus to visit the big library in town. We hope to see lots of different outfits from home. Please do let your children bring in their favourite story from home, these will be lovely to hear.



World Book Week! -So no one misses out, we shall make a whole week of this exciting event. Starting on Monday 27th February, the children are invited to come in dressed up as their favourite book character, bringing in their favourite book to share with their friends.



Alpaca Trip - We have a visit to the Alpaca farm at Dry Doddington on Tuesday 28th February, where we will be meeting the Alpacas, feeding them, learning some interesting facts about them and having a snack in the cafe. Parents, carers and grandparents are more than welcome to come. Letters will be going out shortly.

Bird Watch – We had a very successful Big Garden Birdwatch. One of the pre-school children brought in their own set of binoculars from home, which he shared amongst his friends. They did call every bird a robin, but after filling in the tally sheet we saw 4 blackbirds, 3 pigeons, 1 robin and a crow! The robin was then called Bobby! We have sent off our results using the pre-school I Pad together as a group.



Volunteers – If anyone wishes to be a volunteer within the nursery, please do let us know and we can arrange this. This may be a help towards looking for a job if you require anything to go on a CV.

'Safer Internet Day' – We will be talking to the children about what we can and cannot do online and the fun that we can have. It is important to allow children to explore, but they need to stay safe in the process. We will be playing lots of games which will help them understand the importance.

Cook Position – We are looking for a full time cook/part time share in our kitchen. You will be required to work from 9.30am-2.00pm, cooking fresh hot dinners every day and preparing a light sandwich tea. The position will also involve placing food orders online and using the phone to call in fruit, veg and meat orders. Please speak to Rachel if you know of anyone who would be interested.



Practitioner of the Month – This month is Abbie D, for working in all rooms, making sure that all children are challenged. She strives to get the best out of all of the children.

Staff training: A huge Well Done to Megan, who has now passed her Level 2 qualification and moving onto carrying out her Level 3.

A big well done also to Ashika, who is coming on really well with her Level 2 and to Parris who is ploughing through her Level 3. Keep it up!!

Ruth, Abbie E and Abbie D are currently doing their Language Lead courses, which involves 3 online events building upon the language that we use with the children to build upon their communication skills.

We do have a few tea towels left, if anyone would like one as a gift, do please ask Ruth. They are available for £6, first come first served.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who completed their questionnaires during their child's reviews. It is very much appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

- 7th February – 'Safer Internet Day'
- W/C – 13th February – Half Term – No funded children
 - 14th February – St. Valentine's Day
 - 21st February - Pancake Day
- W/C 27th February – World Book Week
 - 28th February – Alpaca Trip
 - 1st March – St. David's Day