



Nursery Spring Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. The children have been very excited to tell us what they did and have been drawing their favourite present from Father Christmas. It really is a magical time for children at this age and we thoroughly enjoyed all of the Christmas activities and our Nativity performance of 'Shine star shine'.

I would like to thank Mrs. Coe for everything she did with the children on Friday mornings during the last half term. She will be returning on Tuesday 15th Jan for the day whilst I attend a course, so I am sure the children will be excited to see her again.

I would also like to welcome back Miss Luckhurst. She will be covering my non-contact time every Friday morning starting today.

Please do come and see us anytime you would like to discuss anything, the door is always open!

Mrs Sooben

Topic

Over this half -term, our topic is going to be 'Winter'.

We have started our topic by looking at the story 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth. The children are going to be painting their favourite animal from the story to make a mask, using a paper plate. Our role play area is a 'Winter wonderland' and the children are really enjoying playing in there. We will be doing lots of other winter activities, like going on a winter walk around the school, making winter collages, learning about Arctic animals and looking at snow/ice and freezing and melting. In maths we will be focusing on counting and sorting objects by different criteria. In literacy we will continue to work on Phase 1 phonics, thinking about sounds that words begin with and recognising letters.



Reminder

A reminder to submit your school applications for Reception class by Tuesday 15th January .

Snack and Cooking money

A polite reminder for 'snack money'. We really appreciate your contributions so that we are able to offer a variety of different snacks so the children have both fruit and a savoury snack to enjoy at snack time.



Clothing

At our Nursery, we offer varied and exciting activities across the 7 areas of learning in the EYFS. This can involve some messy play, painting, and getting muddy. Therefore, please only send your child in wearing clothes that you do not mind getting messy.

We are trying to encourage the children to dress independently now that they have settled into the routines of Nursery. Please could you send your child in to Nursery wearing shoes that have Velcro rather than laces. It would also be helpful if your child could wear mittens rather than gloves as we go outside quite frequently so this makes it easier for them to get ready to go out and face the cold weather!

We have a collection of spare clothes to use when children need to change, but are running low on boys and girls trousers. If you have any old trousers your child no longer uses or has grown out of, we would be very grateful for them. Thanks!

School trip

We are currently in the process of booking a class trip to Aldenham Country Park.. This will include taking part in the farm explorers workshop, feeding the animals and a petting session. We are also planning a treasure hunt around the Hundred Acre Wood. Further information will follow.

The provisional date is **27th March**. If your child does not usually attend Nursery on a Wednesday, please let us know if they would like to join us so that we can ensure that we have the correct number of adults to help on the day. The trip will last most of the school day so if your child usually attends Nursery for only the morning on a Wednesday, we will be arriving back just before 3pm so you may need to make alternative arrangements to collect them from Nursery that day.

Important Dates

12th Feb – Stay and Play (Further info to follow)

15th Feb – Finish for Half term

6th March– Parents Evening

7th March – World Book Day

19th March – Class photos (not individual)

27th March – EYFS trip to Aldenham Country Park (TBC)

5th April – Easter Assembly (parents welcome)
Term finishes at 1.30pm