



## Newsletter March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are busy collecting lots of various materials to support the children's learning and play while at nursery, please help us to do this especially if you work at a builders merchant or are having any home improvements made. We are after the following items and would be very grateful for any materials that you can donate to us:

Wind Chimes	Bottles of different shapes and sizes
Conkers	Different sized cuts of materials
Pine cones	ribbons
Tubes of different sizes (not toilet rolls)	Old spay bottles
Sponges	Old keys
Paint brushes and rollers of different kinds	Wicker baskets
Watering cans	Tall containers
Leaves, twigs, acorns	News paper
Windmills	Old address books
Buttons	Old note books
Beads	Old appointment books
Marbles	Old invitations
Feathers	Old diaries
Plastic/ metal jar tops	Cereal boxes
Plastic/ metal bottle tops	Egg boxes
Plastic pegs	Old decking
Old wood flooring	Thick rope
Tree bark	Old broken/ whole bricks
Masking tape	Stones
String	Jugs
Clip boards	Children's brushes and brooms etc
Funnels	Logs
Pebbles/ cobbles	Cotton reels
Shells	Wooden or plastic crates
Old guttering	
Wooden pegs inc dolly pegs	

We are continuing to collect the **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers**. It's easy to collect vouchers for Active Kids if you shop in any Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and online at [sainsburys.co.uk](http://sainsburys.co.uk). You will be given 1 voucher for every £10 you spend in store so please continue to place any vouchers you receive in the box in our reception area.

The nursery is becoming very busy therefore if you are thinking of **increasing your sessions** or **booking extra sessions** please book this in advance to avoid disappointment!

We would like to thank all of you who have helped build the nursery and our reputation through recommending a friend! We are becoming extremely busy and now have a waiting list in our Seaside Room and Meadow room and have limited positions in Farmyard and Preschool. Please continue to spread our name and you may be entitled to our **"Recommend a Friend" discount and receive a huge saving of 25% off one month's fees!**



### Did you know?

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on birth to thrive

<http://www.fivetothrive.org.uk/>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on healthy eating

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on healthy teeth

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/dentalhealth/Pages/Careofkidsteeth.aspx>

### A Note from Each Room

#### **Farmyard:**

This month, we are going to be focusing on four special events; World Book Day, Holi, St Patricks Day and Mother's Day. To celebrate World Book Day we are going to be looking at our favourite story books and will also be dressing up as different book characters- there are lots of ideas online especially Pinterest! For Holi we will be exploring lots of different colours during messy play and will be using our hands, feet, arms and legs to make marks and mix the colours together. We are asking all babies to come to nursery dressed in green to celebrate St Patricks Day and will spend the day exploring the colour green through a variety of different textures as well as, decorating four leaf clovers to put on our display board. To end the month we will be

celebrating Mother's Day and hope that all of our lovely Mummies join us for an afternoon tea party where you will receive a hand decorated card and a special present!

Parent Link – Celebrate World Book Day by reading 3-5 repetitive stories throughout the month to encourage early literacy and recall.

### **Seaside:**

This month we will be celebrating the different events, World Book Day, Holi, St Patricks Day and Mother's Day. We will be doing this through various fun activities such as; spray paint bottles with different colours, making four leaf clovers using different green textures and making some cards and gifts for our Mothers. We will be focusing on colours encouraging the children to identify different colours when exploring the messy play and creating their art work, we will also be describing the different textures using simple descriptive words such as; cold, wet, soft and hard. For World Book Day we will be coming to nursery dressed up as a character of our choosing from our favourite story, we will also be reading some of our favourite stories such as; "The Gruffalo" and "Oh Dear".

Parent link – Can you tell us what your child's favourite story is so we can read it at World Book Day? Can you do start to identify colours with them at home?

### **Meadow:**

This month we will be looking at our new book "Sometimes I feel Sunny" which is a lovely book about our emotions, facial expressions and feelings. We will look at the weather and the different types of clothing we need for each type of weather and what we may do i.e. when it's raining we may wear wellington boots and jump in puddles. We will also be celebrating the different events planned for this month and in particular look forward to St Patricks Day where we will be making rainbows, pots of gold, and shamrocks to hang in our room and put on display boards.

Parent Link – Where possible buy the book "Sometimes I feel Sunny" and read this to your child every day as part of their bed time routine to encourage new words and re call.

### **Pre School:**

This month we will be looking at changes over time and will explore this through carrying out science experiments, looking at the seasons and the changes in the weather along with, life cycles and planting.

We will also be exploring different textures to promote our sensory development and introducing new describing words for textures, do they know any opposites? Hot, cold, hard, soft, wet, dry. As well as this, we will also be taking part in the events and making lots of creative work to celebrate these.

Could we please remind you not to bring any of your child's own toys or objects in from home that are important to them as we have a lot of children and things do go missing or get miss placed.

Could we also please ask that all pre-school children bring a bag with them ensuring changes of clothes are available if needed.

Parent link – Where possible you can buy some bulbs and plant them at home, talk about what the bulb needs to grow and check it weekly to see what changes have happened.

### **Gentle Reminders**

Please be sure to **park** in the correct places now that the new parking rules are in action; the **loading bays, numbered bays, Aldi set down and disabled bays are NOT permitted**. If you have not yet collected your **green parking permit** please collect this from Kirsty, Janine or Rosie.

I would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and that all children, parents, carers and visitors should have vacated the premises by this time. Should you require verbal feedback on your child's day, please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to allow you to leave before 6.00pm. **As you are aware, charges may be levied for delays after 6.00pm and we really do not want to be in a position to charge this.**

**Please don't forget to check your parents' information boards, facebook and our website for further information and reminders.**

### **Dates for your Diaries**

#### **World Book Day, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Come to nursery dressed as your favourite book character and bring your favourite book with you to share with your friends. The children will be listening to lots of stories, watching puppet shows, making up stories and then acting them out in the role play!! The children will be offered porridge for breakfast (Goldilocks and the Three Bears), fruit salad for snack (The Hungry Caterpillar), spaghetti and meat balls for lunch (Lady and the tramp) Gruffalo crumble for pudding (The Gruffalo), traditional English finger sandwiches (Tiger Who Came to Tea) and bear biscuits (We're Going on a Bear Hunt)

#### **Holi, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

All children are encouraged to come to nursery dressed in multicolours! They will be participating in a variety of activities such as; body painting, making coloured water bombs and powder paint bombs. The children will also be encouraged to make colourful pictures with a variety of textures and lastly, making coloured biscuits and rainbow cakes!

### *St Patricks Day, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March*

All children are encouraged to come to nursery dressed in **GREEN** to celebrate St Patricks Day. We will be talking to the children about St Patricks Day and why it is celebrated; the children will also be taking part in various activities such as; dancing to Irish music and making shamrocks.

### *Mother's Day, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March*

We are inviting Mummies, Nannies and Aunties to come to the nursery for a tea party to celebrate Mother's Day. The children will be spending the week before hand making special surprises to give to their loved ones. If you intend to join us for the afternoon tea party, please let us know before hand for catering purposes.

### *Easter Fun Day, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April*

Come along to our exciting Easter Fun Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April between 10:30am and 1:30pm. We will have various different activities for all children to take part in including, making Easter bonnets, Easter baskets and other arts and crafts. We will also have some stalls such as; face painting, a cake stall and find the lucky golden egg.

Tickets are on sale now if you wish to attend and are priced at, £2 entry for adults (includes hot cross buns, chocolate biscuits, tea, coffee and juice)

In addition to this, we will be organising three Easter egg hunts for children to take part in, this year we will be having set ages in the hunt to make it fair for all children taking part. Places for the Easter Egg hunt will need to be booked in advanced as we can only have a maximum of 15 children in each group.

11:00 am – children up to three years old

11:45 am – children aged 3 – 5 years

12:30 – 5+

To book to take part in the Easter Egg hunt please see Janine, Kirsty or Rosie.

All funds raised will be put towards new resources for the children.

### *Nursery Training Day, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April*

The nursery will be closed for a staff training day therefore, alternative childcare will need to be arranged. Please note that you are NOT charged for this day and this has already been taken into account when calculating your fees.

*St Georges Day, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April*

Where possible all children are to come to nursery dressed in red and white or medieval outfits such as princesses and knights, they will also be participating in arts and crafts throughout the day such as making flags, crowns, dragon masks and shields.

The day will then close with an English afternoon tea, consisting of finger sandwiches and scones with jam and cream.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Kirsty, Janine and Team.