



Newsletter February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to continue to work in partnership with parents & carers we are hoping to be a bit more active with our Facebook page. We feel updating our Facebook page more regularly will help keep parents up to date with what is going on in the nursery, including photos of the children's activities/displays and artwork as well as reminders for parents. If you don't already please ensure you have liked and follow our page and we would be grateful for any reviews you can also leave on there.

The children's safety and welfare is of utmost importance to us and our priority is to ensure all children are safeguarded. We have in place two different door entry codes that we allow parents to have to gain access to the building however, we must stress the importance that parents use these door codes to enter the nursery and **do not hold the door open** for anyone else to enter. We kindly ask parents to close the door behind them and ask whoever is trying to enter to simply enter the code themselves.

If you have not done so already we have some review cards on the front desk and would like to kindly ask if you could take a card, write a review and sent it off to [Day Nurseries.co.uk](http://DayNurseries.co.uk)

We are noticing that our spare clothing is very limited, could parents please return any spare clothing from the nursery back to the setting thank you.

We are looking at possibly holding a parents information evening whereby someone from a training provider will come into the nursery and deliver some training around children's care/education. If you would be interested in this please e-mail Janine and let her know exactly what sort of things you would like to know more information about for example, Early Writing, Early Maths, Boys Development, Girls Development, Communication and Language or E-Safety. We can then hopefully put something together and arrange this for you. In the meantime if you have Facebook please follow EPIC Early Years as they provide lots of information and videos about the way children learn and some tips for activities etc.

Dates for your Diaries for 2019

Tuesday 5th February - Chinese New Year

To celebrate Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig) the children will have the opportunity to try some Chinese food and experience what it is like to use chop sticks. The older children will also take part in various arts and crafts activities to support their understanding of the Chinese festival.

Tuesday 19th February – Staff Training Day (Nursery Closed)

Please note that the nursery will be closed for staff training, parents are not charged for these days and this has been taken into account when calculating your monthly fees.

Friday 1st March – St Davids Day

To celebrate St Davids Day, we will be doing some creative activities with the children such as making Welsh flags and pictures of Dragons. The older children will have some group conversations about Wales, where it is and if anybody knows someone who lives there.

Tuesday 5th March – Pancake Day

The children in the older classes will have a go at flipping some pancakes in a pan, as well as exploring the different ingredients that go into a pancake. In the afternoon for dessert after Tea we will be eating some homemade pancakes with a variety of different toppings on for the children to choose from.

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

We are very excited to be doing World Book Day this year, we would love all staff and children to come to nursery dressed as their favourite book character and there will be a prize for the best dressed in every room.

We would also love for some parents to come in for half an hour from 9:30am – 10:00am to join in with our story session, if you would like to come in please let Janine or Lorraine know.

As well as this, there will be a story themed lunch including the famous Gruffalo Crumble and they will take part in various activities such as a bear hunt and a caterpillar fruit tasting.

Friday 15th March – St Patricks Day

The children will take part in some creative activities, making Irish flags and decorating lucky shamrocks to give to their parents/carers or families. All children are encouraged to come to nursery wearing something Green.

Friday 29th March - Mother's Day

To celebrate all of the wonderful Mothers/Nans and female carers we would like to invite you to join us from 2:30pm to take part in some messy play activities and at 3:30pm to have Tea with us. If you would like to attend (even if your child does not do a Friday) please let Janine/Lorraine know in advance.

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD FOR REMINDERS AS WELL AS OUR EVENTS LIST ON OUR WEBSITE



Did you know?

The link below will take you to a guide purposefully for Parents about the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum that we adhere to when providing care for your child.

https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2014/08/EYFS_Parents_Guide-amended.pdf

You can visit the websites below for useful tips and information on E-safety:

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/esafety-and-computing>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/stay-safe>

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

This month Farmyard will be getting messy and making a Chinese's New Year dragon to place on one of our wall displays as well as exploring with different textures. They will also be decorating lanterns using different types of resources such as rice and lentils.

For our Pizza party we will be having fun using our hands to explore the different ingredients, as the children are too young we will use this opportunity to explore the textures, the smell and the taste of the ingredients used in a Pizza.

Seaside:

This month in Seaside the children will be celebrating Chinese's New Year, by decorating lanterns using rice and lentils as well as some other messy play.

Our song of the month this month is "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and we will be singing this daily encouraging to the children to identify the different body parts, we will also be doing some mirror play and encouraging the children to identify their body parts in the mirror.

We would also like to ask if our parents haven't already done so can you make sure to send in your photos of our families for "All about me" booklets.

Meadow:

This month in Meadow, our book of the month will be "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" and our song of the month will be Five Little Monkeys Swinging in The Tree.

We have chosen this song of the month as we feel it is a fun way to introduce number sequences to the children, we will extend this for the children as we encourage them to count to ten by rote and will use various objects and loose parts to support the children to begin counting objects and giving them a meaning to number.

We will also be doing activities based on our book throughout the month such as, going on a bear hunt through our garden and counting how many bears we can find.

Parent Link – Can you practice singing some number rhymes for example, "One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Once I Caught a Fish Alive", "Hickory, Dickory, Dock", or "Five Little Speckled Frogs".

Arctic:

Book: Snail + the Whale

Song: Snowflake song

We have recently been on a scavenger hunt, dinosaur hunt and a trip to the duck pond which the children have really enjoyed so we will continue to explore our local area for example going to the shops and parks and going for more hunts to see what the children can find.

Whilst outside we will also be looking at the Weather and talking about the different Seasons.

For Valentine's Day, we will be talking about who we love, why we love them and how we can show them, this will lead to us talking about our families and will make them some cards.

Parent Link: Can you go for some walks to different environments for example, the woods, a forest etc and talk about the difference in the environments.

Safari:

Story of the month: Rainbow fish

Song of the month; “Will you be my friend”

This month we will be talking about friendships using the character from the Rainbow Fish as an example, we will continue to talk about feelings and how we can make our friends happy placing a large emphasis on sharing and turn taking.

We are also starting our self-registration and encouraging the children to recognise the letters in their name and pronounce the phonetical sound. .

Safari will be looking at numbers 1-10 and 10-20 as well as, complex and simple shapes that maybe found within our indoor /outdoor environments.

Parent link: Please if you have not done so already e-mail in a family photo for us to use in our role play area.

Can you look at the letters in their name and practice the phonic sound (If you are unsure of this please speak to Chelsea)

Gentle Reminders

Please don't forget to follow our [Facebook](#) page for regular updates and news. We would also be very grateful to parents if you could leave us a review.

Unfortunately the **cold weather** is here and looks as though it may stay for a while! Therefore, we would like to ask ALL parents to ensure that you provide a warm coat/waterproof jacket, hat, scarves and gloves for your child to use whilst at nursery along with some wellington boots to ensure that they can get the benefits of being outdoors in all weathers. We also kindly ask that they have **appropriate clothing** to change into (long sleeved tops, vests and jumpers).

We would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and all children, parents, careers 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 will 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.

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

Kind Regards

Janine, Lorraine and Team.