



Newsletter March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to finally say the weather is improving and spring is just around the corner which means we are focusing on developing our outdoor space and the children will start their growing activities imminently. It also means our Spring/Summer menu will be put into place from the beginning of April.

We have recently been carrying out some maintenance work in the nursery. The milk kitchen and nappy changing area in Farmyard have been freshly repainted along with Meadows main room and Safaris bathroom.

A more complex maintenance task was the cleaning of the ventilation and air-conditioning systems including the ductwork for the entire nursery. The work was carried out over 2 weekends and has now been completed.

Our next big maintenance job is the replacement of the wooden fencing in the garden for which we are currently finalising the quote and hope to have done as soon as possible.

We will be holding an Easter Raffle to raise some money to put towards developing our Garden space ready for the Spring/Summer and to also purchase some more Tablets to support the children's Understanding of ICT. We would kindly like to ask if any parents who work for any large companies if they can donate us a prize for our raffle – anything small or large will be gratefully received. Tickets for our raffle will go on sale from Monday 15th April.

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)

Dates for your Diaries for 2019

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 participating in 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 theme running through our meals for the day;

Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs (Lady and The Tramp)

Dessert: Gruffalo Apple Crumble

Tea: The Tiger Who Came To Tea – Tea Party

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 or Orange

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.

Week commencing 15th April – Easter Fun Week

Throughout the week the children will be making various Easter crafts such as, cards, bonnets and baskets. We will also be having an Easter Raffle displayed in the reception for parents to purchase tickets which will be drawn on Thursday the 18th. On Thursday the children will also take part in an Easter Egg Hunt in the garden where they will be encouraged to follow clues and arrows to find some chocolate prizes and other gifts along the way.

Tuesday 23rd April – St Georges Day

The children are encouraged to come dressed in red and white and make some English flags to take home. The older children will learn all about St George and why we celebrate it.

Monday 29th April – Parents Evening

We will be holding parents evening for you to attend and have a ten minute consultation with your child's key worker. This is a time for you to look at the learning journal and ask any questions you may have about their development and time spent at nursery. Time slots will be available to book from the 1st April.

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



Did you know?

Please click the link below for some information about exclusion periods for children who are unwell.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Follow the link below for information about FREE healthy start vitamins.

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

Song of the month: If you're happy and you know it

Book of the month: Individual Family books

Farmyard this month will be looking at family books, we would kindly like to ask all our parents to please email in pictures of their families so we can do "All about me books" to place within our cosy corner.

We are also focusing on learning our body parts, we will do this through rhymes, mirror play and playing games.

Parents Link: Can you identify body parts with your children at home starting with head, hands, nose and eyes.

Seaside:

Song of the month: Five Buzzy bees

Book of the month: Going on a Bear Hunt

Seaside are creating spring pictures this month using different media. We will be going out on some outings and looking at the changes in the environment and the flowers that we can see growing.

For our World book day Seaside will all be dressing up as their favourite characters, and looking at different stories and creating an adventure story of their very own.

We will be reading Going on a Bear Hunt and take them on an active journey looking for pictures of bears.

Meadow:

Book of the month: Dear Zoo

Song of the month: Animal fair

This month in Meadow we will be learning about different animals, we will be looking at the noises the animals make, what colours the animals are and what habitats they live in.

We will also be looking at sizes big and small and seeing which box the animal from the book will fit in and comparing the different sizes.

Parent Link: If you visit a Zoo/Farm etc can you identify the animals, the noises they make and what colours they are?

Arctic:

We have decided to no longer do a Book of the months as we found our children were beginning to lose interest in the story towards the end of the month and preferred choosing a favourite story per week instead.

This month our focus will be “Spring”. We will be looking at the growing cycle, planting grass seeds, taking care of them and observing the growth and changes that take place overtime.

We will also be introducing life cycles of different animals including, frogs, chicks and butterflies. We have recently been looking at features of our outdoor environment and will be creating artwork using natural objects that we find.

The children have all been learning to sign their names with Makaton so please encourage them to practice this at home.

Safari:

Book of the month: Smartest Giant in Town

This month we will be looking at sharing and discussing how The Giant from our story supports this.

We will continue to look at the letters in our names by playing bingo, letter hopscotch in the garden, and finding our letters by going on a letter hunt around the garden.

The children will also be looking at numbers 1-10 & 10-20 by placing numbers on the fence and encouraging them to run over to the selected number. We will also encourage the children to look at the effects the physical activities has on their bodies and the importance of exercise.

We will also be encouraging Safari to look at sounds and exploring sounds when they are changed. We will use our new instruments to do this and our sound eggs.

Please can we remind parents to continue to look at Jolly Phonics on their devices at home to encourage the children to look, listen and repeat the sound of the alphabet.

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.