



## Newsletter March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are hoping to see the weather begin to improve and looking forward to welcoming spring that 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 would like to welcome two new members to the nursery, Drosia and Roseana, whom come with experience of working with children in an Early Years Environment.

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 **week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

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**

#### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Lorraine or Kirsty 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Lorraine/Kirsty know in advance.

### **Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Parents Evening**

We will be holding parents evening for you to attend and have a ten minute consultation with your child's key person. 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 1<sup>st</sup> April.

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



### **Did you know?**

Five top tips for parents to add their own observations on to your tapestry account:  
<https://tapestry.info/2020/01/29/5-top-tips-to-help-parents-add-their-own-observations-to-tapestry.html>

Follow the link below for information about FREE healthy start vitamins.  
<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

How to stay safe online with “Smartie the Penguin”  
<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

### **A Note from Each Room**

**Farmyard:** Farmyard are focusing on one Makaton sign each month and this month will be “More”. We will be using this sign in meaningful contact during meal times or child initiated play. We are also beginning to make lots of decorations to hang in our environment such as jelly fish, birds and rainbows.

**Seaside:** Seaside will be celebrating World book Day by looking at stories and songs to help learn new words. We will be growing our very own sunflowers to place into our outdoor area

and looking at using different flowers, leaves and vegetables to make patterns using different colour paint. Can we please ask all our parents if you haven't already done so to email photos to the nursery, so that we can make "All about me" books for the children. If you are also throwing out any old pots or pans can you please donate to the nursery, thank you.

**Meadow:** Meadow will be focusing on story telling. Looking at different stories and rhymes, encouraging the children to fill in the missing word or phrase and showing an interest in stories and illustrations. We will also be looking at shapes in the environment and in patterns.

**Arctic:** This month in Arctic the children have been very interested in the role play area, so we will be transforming our role play area into different themed set-ups such as a hair dresser, café, doctors etc. This is a great opportunity for the children to act out and express their thoughts through their experiences. The children have been enjoying cooking/baking recently and have learnt new skills and better understanding of the need for safety during these activities, such as when handling equipment. This has also supported the development of maths skills through counting ingredients, identifying numbers in scales etc. If you have any ideas on things to cook or recipes please feel free to share. We will be putting together activity ideas and busy bags for you to take home to do with your children, if you wish. These will include recipe ideas, playdough resources, story sacks etc. Please let us know if you wish to take one home with you and bring back when finished. If you do take a busy bag home, please don't forget to place your photos on your child's Tapestry account, thank you.

**Safari:** We will still be looking at observing the effects of physical activities on our bodies. We will continue this by talking about how exercise makes us feel and by encouraging the children to join in with more physical activity. We will also be starting to look at the people who help keep us keep healthy e.g. Dentist or opticians and encouraging the children to join in with a range of activities around this. Please can all parents look at our sign of the week which is displayed on the information board outside Safari, they can be taken home for everyone to take part.

### 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 stilling staying with us for the moment here. 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.**

**Can we please ask that any toys from home stay at home. We are finding it is causing a lot of upset, thank you for your support.**

**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  
Lorraine, Kirsty and Team.