



## March 2021 Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

#### March 2020

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Red nose day

#### April 2020

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday – Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday – Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed

#### June 2020

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Photographer in nursery

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Photographer in nursery

#### July 2020

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Staff Training Day – Nursery closed

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 6pm (To be confirmed at a later date)

### Interests and Activities in Nursery

#### Roos

The children have been noticing shapes and numbers in their environment for example while playing with the shape sorters and in books. This interest will be extended by encouraging the children to join in with a variety of activities including shapes on the light table, shapes hidden in jelly, coloured rice with numerals, coloured shaving foam and number nursery rhymes. These activities encourage the children to explore and experiment with a range of media through sensory exploration using their whole body and to interact with others and explore new situations when supported by a familiar adult.

**Parent participation** – Continue to talk with your child about numbers and shapes in your home environment such as counting the steps when you walk upstairs and talking about shapes in the house like a round table, rectangle door etc.

#### Piglets

The children have been showing a keen interest in the insects, birds and plants in the garden area. We will extend this interest by providing a variety of activities including ladybird crafts, plastic insects in jelly, planting and looking after seeds and flowers and a selection of nature books. These activities will encourage the children to notice detailed features of objects in their environment and to learn new words and be able to use them in communicating.

**Parent participation** – When you are out for a walk with your child discuss the birds, flowers, and insects that you see with them

#### Tiggers

The children are showing a great interest in Space at the moment. We are extending this interest by offering a variety of space related activities for the children to explore such as galaxy playdough, moon sand, and shape and number rocket collages. These activities will encourage the children to begin to be interested in and describe the texture of things and to show an interest in shapes and numerals in the environment.

**Parent participation** – Talk about Space with your child, look at books, find out about planets on the internet etc. You could also make Rocket models out of empty boxes and bottles.

#### Christopher Robbins

The children in Christopher Robbins are all interested in being more independent when putting on their coats, shoes etc., which is great practice for when they start school. This interest will be extended by continuing to encourage the children to put on their own coats when going outside and changing their own clothes if needed, also by providing a

variety of dressing up clothes for them to use and dolls clothes and dolls to dress in the role-play area. These activities will encourage the children to increase their health and self-care skills and gain confidence in this area. **Parent participation** – Give your child time to put on their own clothes and coats, they will get quicker with practice. We have shown the children the over the head method to put on their coats so ask them to show you how this works.

### Dates for your Diary

It is lovely to see the return of the 'Dates for your Diary' section in the newsletter. I hope that over the next few months we will be able to add more and more dates to this section and, hopefully, start to return to some normality.

### Sponsored Listen and World Book Day

Don't forget our Sponsored Listen all this week, if you would like paper copies of the sponsorship form and reading log please ask Becky or Jasmin. You will all receive a book token this week which can be used with an order to Usborne books through the nursery office, we have catalogues and order sheets in the office or through the BCOT virtual book fair, I will send more information on this shortly. Also, to celebrate World Book Day, your child can come to nursery dressed as their favourite book character all this week.

### Photographer

We are pleased to announce that we have booked a photographer to come into nursery on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. Fingers crossed that the gradual easing of lockdown will enable us to keep this appointment.

### Parent Information Evening

Usually at this time of year we hold a Parent's Information Evening and, as with many things, we are unable to hold it this year. We have been thinking of ideas on how we could still give you the information that you require. Therefore, please find below a list of information areas that you may be interested in. Please can you email the nursery to let us know which area of information you would be interested in and we will organise the information for you.

#### **Information Areas**

- **School Readiness**
- **Toilet training**
- **Sleep**
- **Behaviour management**
- **Healthy Eating**
- **Communication**

### Staff Training Day – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Every year we hold a Staff Training Day and this year it will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This gives the staff team much needed time to update their knowledge and team building. The nursery will be closed on this day and you will not be charged, thank you.