



## February 2022 Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

#### March 2022

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> -	World Book Day – Dress up as a book character every day week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> -	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> -	Parent Information Evening – School Readiness -See below

#### April 2022

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> -	Good Friday – Nursery Closed
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> -	Easter Monday – Nursery Closed

#### May 2022

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> -	Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed
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#### June 2022

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> -	Spring Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> -	Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> -	Parent Meetings by Appointment - to be confirmed

#### July 2022 –

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> -	Staff Training Day – Nursery Closed
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#### August 2022

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> -	Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed
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### Interests and Activities in Nursery

#### Roos

The children are investigating a variety of sensory experiences including lights, balls, water, paint and cornflour. This interest will be extended to include sand and shells. Ice painting, jelly play as well as adding small world equipment to the different media. Encouraging them to explore different materials using all of their senses to investigate them.

**Parent participation** – Make sensory bottles at home with your child using empty plastic drinks bottles and part filling them with different objects such as rice, lentils, sequins, coloured water mixed with oil etc.

#### Piglets

The children are really enjoying the role-play area at the moment. We will extend this interest by having themes in the role-play area such as a doctor's surgery and a fruit and vegetable shop where we will introduce numbers, price tags and shapes into the children's play. These activities will encourage the children to take part in pretend play and begin to use numbers and shapes in their play.

**Parent participation** – While out and about with your child discuss the different shapes and numbers that you see around you for example numbers on houses and on price tags in shops or the different shaped windows you can see.

#### Tiggers

The children have been looking at healthy eating and joining in different activities such as making pizza, playing food bingo and investigating noodles. This interest will be extended by offering activities such as fruit tasting, vegetable tasting, picnics in the role-play area and garden and teeth cleaning activities. These activities will encourage the children to make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing.

**Parent participation** – Offer your child a variety of different foods and discuss healthy eating choices with them.

#### Christopher Robins

The children are so interested in role-play at the moment, they chose to have the role-play area as a café last month and now have chosen for it to be a hairdresser. They are washing the dolls hair as well as discussing the similarities and differences of their friend's hair – colour, length, straight, curly etc. We will extend this interest more by introducing activities and talking about different occupations such as builders, doctors etc.

**Parent participation** – If you go to a hairdresser or walk past a hairdresser discuss with your child what you can see, what is happening, what equipment and resources are in the hairdressers etc

### Help Required

Can you help us with equipment for our themed role-play areas? We would welcome any old hairdryers, straighteners, shoes (adult and child's), Wellington boots (child's), Shoe boxes, Empty cardboard boxes and food packages etc.

### COVID:19

COVID regulations have started to relax over the past week. We are so proud that the number of COVID cases in nursery has kept fairly low and, so far, has not affected the day to day running on the nursery. With this in mind we will be continuing with all our precautions for the time being. I will keep you informed of any changes.

### World Book Day

Please encourage your child to come into nursery dressed in their favourite book character every day the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. We will be distributing £1.00 book tokens to all children that week. Usborne Books are also be in nursery for the day on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

### Parent Information Evening – School Readiness

Each year we hold a parent information evening covering a range of topics.

This year, due to COVID19, we will be concentrating on School Readiness for those children who will be starting school in September 2022. We are hoping to be able to hold this in person in the nursery on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. I will keep you informed as to the details with regard to this evening closer to the time.

Other topics that we generally cover at the information evening are toilet training, behaviour, communication and language, sleep, healthy eating and teething. If you would like any information on these areas (or any other area) or would like to book a meeting for information on a particular topic please email the nursery and we will organise this for you.

### Pyjama Fairies

We are supporting the charity Pyjama Fairies who make gowns for children who will be having surgery by collecting stamps. Please place any used stamps you may have in the box in the foyer, thank you. If you would like more information about this charity please visit:

[www.pyjamafairies.org/stamp-coin-collection/](http://www.pyjamafairies.org/stamp-coin-collection/)