



February 2023 Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

February 2023

Thursday 23rd - Parent Information Evening – 6:30pm to 7:30pm - See below

March 2023

Thursday 2nd - World Book Day – Information to follow

Friday 17th - Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

April 2023

Friday 7th - Good Friday – Nursery Closed

Monday 10th - Easter Monday – Nursery Closed

May 2023

Monday 1st - Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed

Monday 8th - Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed

Monday 29th - Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed

June 2023

Monday 5th - Photographer in Nursery

Tuesday 6th - Photographer in Nursery

July 2023

Friday 14th - Staff Training Day – Nursery Closed

August 2023

Monday 28th - Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed

Interests and Activities in Nursery

Roos

The children have shown a lot of interest in different technology toys and books. We will extend this interest by introducing different sensory, musical and push button books, technology toys including posting, cause and effect and lights. We will also be playing a variety of different music from around the world and encouraging the children to dance. These activities will encourage the children to show attention to sounds, music and lights and to begin to understand the concept of cause and effect.

Parent participation – Create your own post box using a cereal or tissue box for your child to work out how to put objects into the box, retrieve them and put them back in again.

Piglets

The children are showing a lot of interest in physical activities such as an obstacle course, throwing beanbags as well as throwing and kicking balls. This interest will be extended to encourage turn taking on a variety of different obstacle courses, soft play, counting different movements such as skipping and jumping, throwing balls and beanbags into a target box and playing football. These activities will encourage the children to gradually gain control of their whole body through continual practice of large movements, such as, kicking, rolling, jumping etc.

Parent participation – Play ball games with your child inside and/or outside, such as, football, throwing a ball into a box etc.

Tiggers

The children have been showing a lot of interest in different types of transport by investigating the constructions vehicles with soil and cereal and the train track within the nursery. We will be extending this interest by encouraging the children to talk about and draw how they come to nursery, we will also be carrying out traffic surveys in the local area. These activities will encourage the children to talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.

Parent participation – While you are out walking with your child talk about the different types and colours of transport that you see.

Christopher Robins

The children are showing an interest in dens and building with different blocks at the moment. We will extend this interest by encouraging the children to build their own dens, inside and outside, using different construction materials, tyres, boxes, large pieces of material etc. This will encourage the children to fit themselves into spaces like dens and boxes and to play with other children extending and elaborating play ideas.

Parent participation – Build dens at home with your child, maybe make a fort or a castle. If you have any unwanted large boxes we would be more than happy to use them in nursery, thank you.

Parent Information Evening – Thursday 23rd February 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Each year we hold a parent information evening covering a range of topics, this has had to change considerably over the last few years due to COVID. I am happy to announce that this year we will be running this event fully again.

Topics that we cover at the information evening are school readiness, toilet training, behaviour management, communication and language, sleep, healthy eating and teething. If you have suggestions for any other topics that you would like us to cover please speak to Becky.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire, we had an amazing response with some wonderful comments and some areas for development. I will collate all of the information together with a reply and send it out to you next week.

Policies

As I am sure you are aware the nursery has many policies and procedures that we follow. There is a folder in reception with all of these policies in, some are also displayed on the parent notice board in the reception area. The updated policies will be added to the nursery website soon.

These policies are updated at least annually and have just been updated January 2023. For your information please find attached the 'Learning through play policy' and 'Parents as partners policy'.

Please ask Becky if you would like a copy of any of the policies and she can either print a copy for you or send it via email.

Spare Clothes

Please make sure your child comes to nursery with spare clothes as they will and do get dirty and wet while joining in with nursery activities. Please could we also ask for spare socks, shoes, wellington boots etc, thank you