



Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4. We hope you all had a wonderful half term holiday!

Tapestry

We hope that you are enjoying finding out what your children have been doing when you log on to your Tapestry account. We would like to encourage you to add information from home as this helps us to build a deeper understanding of your child's learning and development.

Staff use the observations that you see both as a record of what the children have been doing, but also to support their assessment of your child's development. Each observation is linked to the 'Development Matters' statements. If you would like further information, or access to these statements, please speak to your child's keyperson.

Forest School

We are delighted to announce that Kelly has passed her Forest School training and now holds the Level 3 Forest School qualification. We are now offering Forest School on a regular, weekly basis. We will continue to offer this on Monday mornings for this term, moving to Tuesday mornings in Term 5 and Wednesday mornings in Term 6. We do, however, rely on parent helpers each week to ensure that we have a sufficient adult:child ratio. Please let Kelly know if you are able to volunteer for any of these mornings.

Behaviour

Over the next few months, we will have a particular focus on supporting children with understanding and managing their feelings and behaviour.

Kelly will be taking on the responsibility for behaviour management in the setting. She writes:

"The primary influence of most young children's behaviour is their stage of development. Children's brains grow rapidly in the first three years of their life, during which time the nerve cells make crucial connections which support a child's healthy development.

At Pre-school we will be revisiting the children's rule board and bringing attention to this during the session. We will be developing our quiet area and promoting the children to be quiet, still

and reflect in this area using emotion dolls, books, drawings and music. We will continue to use 'Take 5'."

If you would like to discuss this further or find out more information, please speak to Kelly.

Tanya

We were delighted to welcome Tanya and baby Harley before the half term holiday. Both Mum and baby are doing really well. Tanya has decided that she will not be returning to Pre-School on a permanent basis at the moment, but will be doing some supply work for us over the next few months.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day throughout the week (March 4th – 8th). We are inviting all the children to bring in a favourite book from home to share with everyone. Please ensure that you label this clearly! On Thursday, the staff will share their own favourite stories with the children.

Donations

We would be really grateful for donations of spare clothes as our cupboards are nearly bare! We particularly need girls' pants and socks and boys' socks and trousers. We would be equally grateful for any spare (complete) jigsaws and age-appropriate board games. Thank you in advance!

Red Nose Day March 15th

Please join us in wearing something red for Red Nose Day. We will put out a collection bucket for you on the day if you would like to make a contribution.

Ready for School evening

We will be offering a 'Ready for School' evening with the staff from Class R on March 20th from 6 – 7pm. Please note, this is only for parents of children who will be starting school in September 2019.

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Easter

As last year, the children will be learning some Easter songs to share with you on the last day of term. We will also offer an Easter egg hunt. During the afternoon, there will also be opportunities to find out more about supporting children and families with autism, as part of National Autism Awareness Week

Dates for your diary

March 6th, March 22nd April 2nd Music Bugs

March 7th World Book Day

March 12th and 26th PE session 10.00

March 15th Red Nose Day

March 20th Photographer 9.45 and Ready for School meeting 6 – 7pm

April 1st – 7th – National Autism Awareness week.

5th April Easter celebrations 2 – 3pm

April 27th Quiz Night