



## Spring Term Newsletter

### Nursery

#### The Nursery Week – things to remember

**Tuesday:** Library books

**Wednesday:** Library books

**Friday:** PE with Mr Oakley

#### Curriculum

Please see the attached Topic Map for an overview of this term's curriculum. Please come and ask if you have any questions.

#### Hints for parents

The days are cold and your children are putting on and taking off their hats, scarves and coats on a regular basis! Could you please help teach them to be as independent as possible with this so they can get on with playing instead of waiting for an adult to help them.

When you are walking around with your children, try and talk about what they can see and hear around them. Can they use any description words? Can they count how many things they can see? This will help with all areas of their development.

#### Trips

Nursery will be going on a local walk to spot signs of Spring. Look out for more information closer to the time

#### PE Kit

Please make sure on Fridays that children are wearing suitable clothing for PE including trainers and clothes they can move easily around in.

#### Reading at Home

We hope your children are enjoying looking at books at home. Bedtime can be a very special time to share books as they snuggle down into bed.

If you speak a different language at home, please make sure you share books in your home language as well as English and tell the stories that meant a lot to you as you grew up.

When you have a book from school, you can first take time to look at the pictures. What can they see? What do they think the story is going to be about? Then as you read the book maybe they can guess what is going to happen next. Some books will really be enjoyable to your child - don't worry if they want to have it again and again!

Please remember to bring the library books back every week so they can get to choose new books.

### Attendance and Punctuality

It is really important that your child arrives at school promptly every day to help them settle in to their learning routines. It is also important to be collected promptly.

**GATE OPENS: 8:50am      START OF THE DAY: 9:00am      END OF THE DAY: 3:30pm**

**Morning children:** Collection - 11:50am

**Afternoon children:** Arrive - 12:30pm

Regular contact and communication to our office about illness, medical appointments and absence is crucial. Please contact the School Office if you have any questions.

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### Key Dates

Please find below some of the key dates for the upcoming term.

Please make sure you look out for regular newsletters and any communication from the admin team about future events as they are scheduled.

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – children return to school
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – children break up for half term. See below for times:

***Rectory Gardens: 1:45pm Church Lane: 2:00pm***

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term.
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – children return to school
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – children break up for Easter Holidays

\*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

### General Reminders

- PLEASE NAME all clothes and provide a change of clothes for your child.
- Please provide a box of tissues, if you can – we really go through them in Nursery!
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please.
- We are a strictly nut-free school; please remember this for packed lunches and party/birthday treats.
- We are strictly a latex-free school, i.e., no latex (rubber) materials including balloons, rubber bands, latex gloves etc.
- *We would be extremely grateful for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards our Nursery fund, this helps to pay for our cooking and gardening activities, as well as other key resources.*
- Please remember that more information of what we are getting up to in Nursery is available on See Saw. Please see one of the team if you need support with your login.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#).

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us at the door or make an appointment via the School Office.

### The Nursery Team

