

Early Years Newsletter

March 2016



We can't believe it's the end of the Spring term already. During this time we have seen our children engage, investigate, cooperate, question and explore brilliantly and we can't wait to hear what they get up to in the Easter holidays.

Shared story

We would like to continue with our story sessions on a Thursday, at the later time of 2:50pm. This is a time for sharing stories with your child and celebrating the joy of reading with our families. We would love as many of you as possible to come along.

Links between home and school

Thank you for all your responses to the technology handout, we will be adding these to the children's learning journeys. It has helped to build a fantastic picture of what our children are able to do. Parents contributions are essential in providing a complete picture of your child and supports our ongoing assessment. You can do this by either by dropping off pictures and notes in the from home box, or by sticking them in. Some of you are already doing this and we love to see what things our children have been up to out of school.

We would also welcome parents into the setting to talk about their jobs, so far we have had Dr Eyre talking about his role as a doctor and answering questions from the children, we are also planning to have Mr Liversidge, a policeman, in. If you are interested in doing this please talk to a member of staff.

Reminders

Please ensure all children's belongings are named, including shoes and PE kits. We do try and reunite you with lost property but this is much easier if it has a name in! All our lost property is stored in our toilet area in a big basket.

Children are continuing to bring toys, especially cars and teddies, in from home and this is causing problems when other people play with them or they get lost. It would really help if parents could encourage children not to bring toys in, and we will do the same. Likewise if you spot any new toys arriving at home from school please return them, our new investigation area has already lost items.



Weekly Routine

Monday mornings- Full-timers library
Tuesday afternoons - PM Part-timers forest schools
Wednesday mornings- Full-timers forest schools/ ICT
Wednesday afternoons- Full-timers music/PE sessions
Thursday mornings- AM Part-timers forest schools

Dates for Diary

Friday 18th March Sports relief, dress as a sports person and bring a £1
Friday 18th March Early Years Disco
Monday 21st March Forest Schools trip to cemetery (full-timers)
Thursday 24th March End of term 2:30pm
Monday 11th April Summer Term starts
Wednesday 20th April Trip to Harlow Carr (full-timers) NO sessions for part-timers this day – more details to follow
Stay and play sessions : Week beg 11/4/16 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 -10.30 and 1.00-2.30. Please sign up for one session only on the sheets in the cloakroom. Many thanks.

End of the day routine.

Our end of the day routine is working really well, Key Stage 1 staff have found it much quieter. Please continue to enter through the doors at the back of the unit and exit through the hall. Please continue to be mindful of lessons still happening in the hall at that time.

Staff news

Many of you have been asking about Ellen Ham following her fall at half term. She is recovering well and we hope she will be re-joining us after the Easter holidays. Joanna Hauge and Kathryn Tarry our teaching students will continue their placement with us in the Summer term.



Many thanks for all your help and support, please ask a member of staff if you have any questions.
Enjoy your Easter break!