

Newsletter- March -April 2017

Pre-School

All of the Pre school children have been busy in the last few weeks, making boats out of cardboard boxes, using junk to make models, playing in water with sea animals, making flapjacks, magic disappearing plastic as well as really enjoying making creations with duplo too.

World book day- What a wonderful day which encouraged lots of discussion & play around our chosen books which were, Dear Zoo, Bear hunt & The Tiger who came to tea.

In the run up to Easter will will be making lots of lovely Easter gifts including Chocolate nests, easter cards and Easter sock rabbits.

The Easter Bonnet parade will be on Friday 31st March from 2pm-3pm. We would love to see all of the parents for teas and coffee, hot cross buns and a raffle. So we would be very grateful for any Easter raffle prizes.

Rising 5’s

For the children who will be getting ready for school it is a very exciting time. In April, everyone will find out what school they will be going to and after easter all, those going to Spaldwick School will be visiting there during the Summer term, and meeting their new teacher.

We will begin structured sessions with them in preparation for the transition. Focus on ‘learning letters & letter sounds, simple early maths & how to get dressed independently ready for PE lessons. We will be running a rising 5’s session on a Friday afternoon.

Sclub

The children have all taken home a leaflet with information on the new menu. We hope you like it!!

The children have been busy making Dream catchers and CD pattern creations. In the run up to Easter they will be making Easter Pom Pom chicks and Chocolate Easter nests.

We have also introduced Football on the big field and the children have really enjoyed this on the warmer days we have had.

 Successful half term holiday club

We made bread during our half term holiday club which the children were very proud of. We made biscuits too and we had great fun at forest school, making our own fires and roasting marshmallows on one big group fire. We also went exploring in the woodland and and collecting sticks to build our own dens.

Easter holiday club

We still have spaces at our Easter holiday club. Did you know we take children from 2 years olds? We provide activities to suit all ages, up to 11 years old. This Easter holiday we will be making easter bunnies, created easter nests, Pom Pom chicks as well as playing football, table tennis and getting involved in a forest school session as well as much more.

Thank you for donations

We have raised £36 so far for plant sales, we still have some left, so please continue supporting Playtimes and treat yourself to some more plants!

Thankyou to everyone who came to our Mother’s Day tea, we had a lovely afternoon and raised £26!

Please remember to send your children in with their Slippers as this encourages them to learn, making them feel more at home and comfortable.

Also we do have Uniforms available to purchase, please speak to a member of staff for more information.

New learning journey system

We have introduced a new system for recording children’s development. In the main room you may have noticed some purple folders, each child has one of these and their key worker is responsible for keeping their records up to date. As well as the new learning journey system we have also introduced a new planning system, which is based much more around the children’s interests and encourages parents to be more involved in the planning process. Once or twice a term you will be given a form to fill in, to provide us with information about what your child has been doing, what they are interested in and any concerns you may have regarding your child’s development.

Dates for diary

Queens Tea Party- 21st April

Rising 5’s story session at school- 11.30 on Tuesday 9th May

Rising 5’s story session at school- 11.30 on Thursday 25th May

Winnie the Pooh Day Picnic- Friday 26th May

Grafham walk- Date to be confirmed in the summer

Father's Day Tea - 16th June

Open day/ Fun day- Date to be confirmed