



Welcome back to the Spring term. We welcomed 17 new children in January. We are already planning lots of exciting things for the children and now hope that the weather will improve! Outside is really muddy so please bring in named wellies so your child's shoes don't get muddy and wet. We have started forest school sessions now with Ditton Primary and are hoping to be able to make more links with the local community, more details to follow. I have attached a questionnaire for you - either one about starting Nursery school, or if your child has been here longer one about provision. As ever please come and speak to us if you have any worries, concerns or just want a friendly chat!
Amanda.

Stay and Play

This terms stay and play sessions will be on:

5th March - Blue Group (Joanne)

6th March - Red Group (Laura)

8th March - Green Group (Suzanne & Jane)

If your child is in green group there will also be chance for you to talk to the staff about how they have settled.

The focus for this stay and play will be nursery rhymes (green group) and developing writing skills (blue and red group). There will be time to play with your child and chance for a drink and a chat with myself or Suzanne about how the children learn how to write and how you can support them at home.



Home School Library

The home school library is open every day. Please call in and borrow a book to share with your child. Book bags are on sale at £4.00 each. We would like to display photographs of your child reading with a family member so please send in any photos you have for us to display.

Attendance

WOW! Our attendance for last term was 90.61%. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all. You should all have received your child's individual attendance. We ran competition for all children whose attendance was above 96%. Well done to George Hunt who won an Asda voucher and decided to buy himself some "diggers"!



Farm Trip

Following our lovely Christmas trip to the Reindeer farm we have now planned our next trip to Stockley Farm. This is a full day visit on 23rd March. Here the children will have the opportunity to feed and touch the animals, ride on a tractor and take part in a nature walk through the forest plus other exciting activities. More info to come.



Dummies

We are really pleased to see that the number of Dummies coming into Nursery School has dropped. There is now lots of evidence to show that they delay children's speech development and if used too often they change the shape of the teeth as they are forming. Please come and see if you need any advice / help with this.



Applying for a School Place for Sept 2018

If your child is due to go to school in September and you did not apply for a school place please come and see us ASAP

30 Hour children - Packed Lunches

Please make sure your child has a sandwich, fruit, treat (biscuits / crisp) and a drink. Anything more often over feeds them. Lunch time is a really social occasion and we encourage the children to sit and wait for their friends to finish before going outside or to play.



Water bottles

Please remember that children should only bring water in their drinking bottles and NOT juice. All children are provided with milk or water at snack time and have access to drinking water throughout the day.

Contact Numbers

Please ensure you inform us of any changes in contact numbers / information.

Snack Money

Please remember to pay your half termly contribution of £8 for 15 Hour children and £16 for 30 hour children. This cannot come out of our budget so in order to provide snack we rely on your contribution. This can now be paid by bank transfer, please see reception if you would like details.



World Book Day - 1st March

Children can come dressed as a character from a book if they wish. Each child will receive a voucher for a free book, or against another book of their choice.



Post Box We have a post box situated at the nursery door.

Parents can post snack money, trip money and any other replies or information. Please ensure all payments are in an envelope with your child's name clearly labelled and information of what the contents are.

Spare Clothes

We welcome donations of any children's clothes that you no longer need. Children at times have accidents or get wet and messy and it is useful for us to have a supply of clothes to change children into at nursery.



Learning Journals

Please don't forget to bring in an A4 file for your child. These folders will belong to your child, will become a record of their learning and development, and a lovely memento of your their time at nursery school when they leave!



Facebook

We have a Facebook page and are using it to send reminders about events, holidays etc. If you 'like' our Facebook page then you will receive these reminders too. We have set the privacy levels so you will remain anonymous as long as you don't 'like or comment' on any of the comments we post.



Future dates to remember:

Fri	9 th Feb	Nursery Closes for half term
Fri	16 th Feb	Chinese New Year
Mon	19 th Feb	Nursery School opens
Thurs	1 st March	World Book Day
Mon	5 th March	Stay & Play Joanne's Key Group
Tues	6 th March	Stay & play Laura's Key Group
Thurs	8 th March	Stay & play Suzanne / Jane's Key Group
Fri	16 th March	Sports Relief
Fri	23 rd March	Trip to Stockley Farm
Thur	29 th March	Nursery Closes for spring break
Tue	17 th April	Nursery Opens
Fri	25 th May	Nursery closes for half term
Tues	5 th June	Nursery opens
Fri	22 nd Jun	Trip to Underwater Street
Wed	25 th July	Nursery closes for summer

Disabled Car Park Spaces

Please do not park in these spaces unless you are registered disabled and are displaying your blue badge. Staff will challenge anyone who is parking here unless they can see this displayed and you will be asked to move.