



Newsletter January/February 2024

Happy New Year to you all!

Please continue to check the website regularly as there are updates, information and calendar dates being added throughout the year!

Learning Themes

Information about our 'Learning Themes' for January and February can be found on our website under 'PARENTS' and 'LEARNING THEMES'.

Christmas Gift Donations

Many thanks for all your kind gifts and cards for Christmas. Many of you also donated to our chosen charity 'The Children's Hospice' and we are delighted to support them again this year.

School Fund

As you know we ask parents for a contribution to our 'School Fund' as explained back in August at our 'Family Visit Days'. We are extremely grateful to all parents for making this donation, as the school budget situation has become extremely bleak. The school fund not only pays for your child's weekly snack- which every child receives, but also allows us to fund resources for the many activities in Nursery that all children participate in every week. It is also used to subsidise the many events and visitors we have in the nursery along with funds raised by our PTA.

Unfortunately, our Education Authority funding is no longer enough to cover the cost of the very basic equipment that we require such as paper, paint, toilet roll etc. Therefore, your support in contributing a small amount each month really does go a long way in supporting your child in their 'whole' pre-school education.

Big Bedtime Read

We will be starting our home lending book packs very soon. Unfortunately, we have been delayed with this as we are still waiting for some of the new books to be delivered.

PTA

Our 'PTA' has already raised a fantastic amount so far this year! Smarties tubes challenge raised £1225.60 and the Fireside Quiz raised £ 206.

They will be continuing with fundraising events over the coming months! Please check out their Facebook and Website page for further information! These funds enable the PTA to support the school by the purchasing of additional activities and educational equipment for all the children.

Visits and Visitors

We will be welcoming some exciting visitors and activities to our Nursery over the coming months- these are/ will be listed on our Website on the 'calendar'.

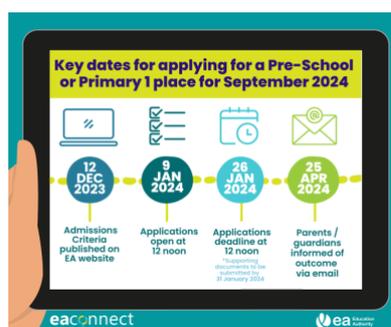
Special dates for your diary are also listed on this newsletter.

Clothing Bin

The clothing 'recycling' bin is located at our Main Entrance Gate. This is for family and local community use. Every time the bin is emptied the school receives a small donation from 'Cash for Clobber' so please use it whenever you are having a clear out!

Nursery and Primary School Applications

The 'Parent Portal' is open for both Nursery and Primary School applications for this September from 12 noon on Tuesday 9th January. You must apply for your child's Primary School place online by Friday 26th January at 12 midday.



World Book Day 2024

This will be on Thursday 7th March this year. We ask all children to dress up as their favourite book character! We will be having lots of 'literacy' fun activities going on that day! We will also be delighted to welcome Stephen Beggs who is an actor and storyteller to work with us on that day!

Diary dates for the coming year 2024-
Further info and details will be sent nearer to each event

January

Thurs 18th - **Nursery CLOSED** due to strike action

February

Mon 12th- Tues 20th February- **Nursery CLOSED for mid-term break**

Tuesday 27th- Jo Jingles begins for 4 weeks every Tuesday

March

Friday 1st March- Mr Hullabaloo Spring Show in school

Thursday 7th Mar- World Book Day- *children to dress up*

Friday 22nd March- **Children finish for Easter Holidays**

Monday 8th April- Nursery reopens for Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd and 30th – Jo Jingles

May

Friday 3rd May- **Closed for Bank Holiday Weekend and Staff Days**

Weds 8th May – **Nursery re -opens.**

Tues 14th and 21st- Jo Jingles

20th May- 'Bee Week' (Monday 20th- World Bee Day) Visit from Trevor a beekeeper from Sitalane Honey.

23rd May- Graduation Photographs

24th May- **Nursery CLOSED for Staff Day**

27th May- **Bank Holiday**

28th May- **Nursery CLOSED for Staff Day**

17th June- 'Arts Week'

27th June- PM children Graduation Day- and **last day of school** (no AM session on this day)

28th June- AM session children Graduation Day and **last day of school**