

Newsletter February 2021

Covid 19 update

Welcome back to those of you rejoining us this week. We have missed you and we are very happy to now have nearly everyone back with us.

Below is our sickness and absences guidance, please support us by following this guidance to keep us all safe. Our cleaning and hand washing routines appear to have served us well so far and we will continue to follow these routines diligently.

We are fully aware that young children easily get temperatures for all sorts of reasons, but please be mindful of the health of their friends and our team and err on the side of caution.

Sickness and other absences

If your child has a temperature, a new continuous cough, loss of sense of taste and/or smell, please get advice by going to:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Please keep us informed if this is the case, to allow us to inform others and Public Health England if necessary.

If you are in doubt whether or not your child should attend, please give us a call so we can make a decision together.

Sickness and diarrhoea requires a 48 hour absence following the last bout.

Please bring: **Water bottle**, plastic lunch box, Spare clothes and nappies if needed in a **SMALL bag** (all labelled)

Please do not bring: toys, cutlery, big bags

Fees: Unfortunately we will have to raise our fees this September. Fees were due to go up September 2020, our committee decided to postpone this due to the current situation. New charges will be:

Preschool room: £26, 9am to 3pm extra hours £5.20 per hour.

Baby and Toddler room: £15 per session (8.30-11.30/12-3) and £5.40 per hour

Themes for the half term

1/3 Story week (World Book Day)

8/3 & 15/3 Animals, videos or photos of pets appreciated (17th St Patrick's Day, 14th Mother's Day)

22/3 Spring

29/3 Easter

Dates for your diary (check Tapestry/facebook for Special occasions coming up)

- Jumblies will be **closed** for Good Friday 2nd April, and Easter Monday 5th April
- Easter Holidays for **term time only funded** children Tuesday 6th April – Friday 16th April.
- Jumblies will be **closed** for early May Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May and late May Bank Holiday Monday 31st May
- Summer half term for term time only funded children Tuesday 1st June – Friday 4th June
- Sports Day Tuesday 8th June
- Parent consultation calls at the end of June
- Summer Holidays for term time only funded children Friday 23rd July – ~Friday 3rd September
- Jumblies will be closed for deep clean and maintenance Monday 23rd August -Monday 30th August (late Summer Bank Holiday)

Parent feedback

Feel free to call us to discuss if you have any questions, concerns or other issues. It's not always great to talk at the door, depending on the weather, but we are happy to talk on the phone, via email or Tapestry.

Healthy Eating

The children have been enjoying their twice daily fruit snack, thank you for your donations. They especially like it when we get more unusual donations such as peppers, cucumber and more unusual fruits.

This term we are planning to start planting vegetables in grow bags in our garden to further expand our Healthy Eating theme and work towards getting our Healthy Under 5's award.

Attached are:

- ★ Songs and Makaton signs for this half term
- ★ Rainy day activities
- ★ 'Being mindful' activities (**Mindfulness** exercises will help your child get it better touch with their thoughts and feelings. With increased awareness of how they're feeling in the moment, comes less emotional reactivity and a greater ability to listen and communicate more thoughtfully and effectively.