



# Nursery News

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Issue 4

Dear Parents

Welcome back after our half term break! We have another busy half term so please check the dates below and add them to your diary.

I will be going on Maternity leave on Friday 3rd April when we break up for the Easter holidays and returning to school in September as normal. I would like to wish all of our school leavers a happy transition to Primary school and look forward to seeing our remaining children after the Summer holidays.

Amanda Bond (Deputy Head) will be become Acting Head Teacher during the Summer term. This will also mean that she will take over my roles as Safeguarding Lead and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo).

This means that Yellow group will have a new key person from April. We have successfully appointed Miss Lauren Franklin to our team. Some of you may know her from the Jumpers Room in Jack in the Box. She will be joining us in April as a permanent staff member and are delighted to have her with us. Miss Bond will still be in the Nursery helping all staff and children and ensuring that Miss Franklin gets to know all of Yellow Group well.

Thank you for your continued support and I will hopefully pop into Nursery next term to see some of the lovely events that we have planned (with baby!)

Julia Hymers– Head teacher

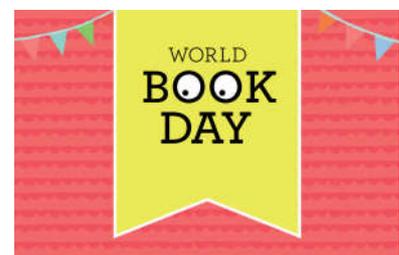
## World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Children should come to school in their usual clothes or uniform. We are aware of how expensive these days can be for parents which is why we are not asking for children

to dress up. Instead we will be celebrating the day with lots of stories and nursery rhymes. Please can children **bring in their favourite book and a teddy** to join in our Teddy Bear's Picnic. We will provide snacks and share stories together at group time.

Thank you



## What are we learning this half– term?

This half term we will be celebrating

- Pancake Day (25th February)
- World Book Day (5th March)
- Chicks and life cycles (23rd March– 3rd April)
- Spring (from 23rd March)
- Easter (from 30th March)



Our focus this half term in maths is shape. We will be looking at objects in real life to see if children can match them. We will be consolidating our work on numbers up to 10.

In Literacy there will be more work on stories, nursery rhymes and phonics. We are encouraging children to read often and to enjoy books. We hope that our Teddy Bear's Picnic on World Book Day will support this further. We are looking at rhyming words and asking children to come up with their own rhyming string.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Thursday 5th March</b>	World Book day (no costume needed. Usual clothes please)
<b>Wednesday 18th March</b>	Dental survey
<b>Thursday 19th March</b>	Mother's Day Brunch
<b>Monday 23rd March– Friday 3rd April</b>	Chicks arrive
<b>Thursday 26th March at 9.15am, 12.45pm and 5.00pm</b>	Easter bonnet decorating
<b>Friday 3rd April at 9.15am and 12.45pm</b>	Stay and Play– Easter
<b>Friday 3rd April</b>	Break up for Easter holiday
<b>Monday 20th April</b>	First day back to school

### **Dental Survey**

The NHS have contacted us asking if we would take part in a dental survey on Wednesday 18th March for all three year olds. This will allow them to check the oral hygiene of children in areas around the country. A letter will be going home asking for your consent for your child to have a free dental check up. Your child must be aged 3 at the time of the check up– if they are already 4 they will unfortunately not be able to get their teeth checked.

### **Mother's Day**

We are holding a celebration in Nursery for Mother's Day for children and their parent/ carer to come and share on Thursday 19th March. We are offering a few slots for you to choose from: 7.30am, 9.15am, 11.15am, 12.45pm, 2.15pm and 5.00pm. There will be cake and scones for you to share with your child and a special surprise from them to you!

Sign up sheets will be in the porch.

### **Easter bonnet decorating**



Each year, we give children and their parents an opportunity to decorate an Easter bonnet. Please look in the porch for a sign up sheet so that you can choose a slot that works for you. This will take place throughout the day on Thursday 26th March at either 9.15am, 12.45pm or 5.00pm. You will be given a hat and resources to help your child. The bonnet will stay in school so that they can be worn during the Easter concert.

### **Chicks**

We will be hatching chicks from Monday 23rd March. There will hopefully be opportunities for you and your child to come and hold the chicks and take photos– depending on when they hatch! We will let you know closer to the time when these dates and times are.

### **Easter Stay and Play**

We would like to invite you to a Stay and Play on Friday 3rd April at 9.15am or 12.45pm. You will be able to spend time with your child in Nursery and watch a short performance by the children showing you songs they have been learning about Spring and Easter.

### Toys in Nursery

We have had an increasing number of children bringing toys from home into Nursery daily. Unfortunately, all toys will need to be kept at home. Staff are unable to guarantee that toys will be kept safe and it is difficult for children to understand why they cannot play with them here.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Collection Time– end of the day

Our school day finishes at 3.15pm for our 30 hour children. As many of our children have older siblings at other schools, parents are able to collect their child early from us in order to get to the other school.

At the moment, we have parents arriving between 2.30pm and 3.15pm which is proving difficult for staff to manage.

If you need to collect your child early, please arrive between **2.40pm and 2.50pm**. This means that we can keep all children accounted for and know exactly who is in the building.

Any parent that arrives after 2.50pm will be expected to wait until 3.15pm for collection. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but it is a necessary step to ensure your child's safety.