

Diary Dates

- **1st March**

World Book Day—Dress up day or wear Pyjamas.

- Fun Friday 2nd March £1 Celebrating Holi the Hindu Festival * wear old clothes and bring wellies
- **Thursday 15th March** Stay and Play Enterprise Raising funds for the Brain Tumour charity through our Fairtrade bake sale. Thursday 15th March
- Nursery Closes for Spring Break Thursday - Reopens Tuesday 16th April



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018! We aim to produce a newsletter for the nursery around every 6 weeks, providing you with an insight into what your child has been learning, within the nursery.

The newsletters will provide you with information of upcoming and past events and allow you to become involved in your child's learning at nursery. If you are interested in becoming a regular parent helper within the nursery please speak to Mrs Miller about completing a PVG disclosure check.

World Book Day 1st March

On Thursday 1st March, we will be celebrating World Book within the nursery. We would love to see the children dressed up as their favourite book character pj's or fancy dress, the choice is yours! We would welcome the children to bring in a copy of their favourite book, to look at together at welcome time.

Our Learning Term 1 The Young Child's room (3-5)

This term as part of our focused learning we have developing our numeracy skills through talking and thinking about journeys. To support the children's learning we have been looking at Julia Donaldson's story 'What the Ladybird Heard'. The children have loved using the beebots (small robots) to input simple directions, helping the beebots move around the farm map they created, introducing them to the different characters within the story. This term we have been focusing on retelling stories through role play, the children have particularly liked retelling the story of Mr Wolf's pancakes. In free play the children have been creating their stories and creating their own roles within their imaginative play, we are currently responding to the children's interest in superheroes.

Within the playroom Miss Johnstone has been working with the children in block play. The children have made some wonderful structures, working on their own and playing cooperatively. Through block play they have had the opportunity to develop their understanding of science, learning about simple types of forces using cars and balls with the large planks, investigating how far they can travel. The children have been exploring symmetry and balancing when using the blocks. Miss Johnstone has been talking to the children about the different types of blocks, using the correct names and the mathematical relationship between the different blocks.

Over the next few weeks we will be planning walks around Symington, including a visit to our local shop. Our community walks will enhance the children's learning giving them the opportunity to participate and track their own journey and use real money in purchasing items within the shop.

We have reintroduced the den within the nursery responding to the children. The children have been developing their ideas in their own role play through making masks and crowns.

In literacy the children have been discovering environmental print e.g. recognising familiar signs and logos, developing their pre reading skills., you can continue to support and develop this while out and about with your child and at home too.



Nursery Fund

Thank you to all of those who are keeping up to date with nursery fund payments. The nursery fund is crucial to the day to day running of the nursery.

Remember this money is not just used for the children's snack. Nursery fund is £2.50 per week or £28 for Term 3, taking you up to the Easter break.

Thursday 15th March

Stay and Play Enterprise

Raising funds for the Brain Tumour charity through our Fairtrade bake sale, come join us at
11:15am

Book Fair 26th - 2nd March

1 Week only!

The book fair is here again this year, if you are interested in buying any books please come and have a look at the beginning or end of the nursery sessions. If coming at the end of the session please come along before 11:45am. Last year we made £50 from commission, enabling us to purchase more books for the nursery. The books range starts from as little as £2.



Our Learning Term 1 Tinto Toddler room (2-3)

This term the children have been developing a love of books and stories, sharing them as a larger group. One of their favourites has been the story 'Where's my Teddy?' the children have also been exploring sensory experiences linked to the story, 'Gorilla likes Vanilla'. We also say Happy Birthday and goodbye to Jack and Amy as they move into our 3-5 room.



Library Lending bags

We will restart our library bags after the Spring Break.

Adventure Ted - Name to be confirmed by the children

At nursery we have our very own adventure bear who would love to go on adventures with the children at home. If you would like to take the nursery bear please speak to a member of the nursery team. At the moment this will just be for our preschool children to make sure they all have the chance of a turn before going to school.

Should you wish to need to contact the nursery for any reason please do so on 01899 309464 or via email:

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