

NEWSLETTER

February 2016

Nursery Curriculum

We have had a lovely Half Term!

Lots of children have been spending time mixing potions in our beach area. Children do the most creative things with sand and water! The children are beginning to learn how to mix their own powder paint. Eventually the children will access the easel independently to mix their own paints.

Many of the children love to perform. They were all fascinated when the staff performed a pantomime at Christmas and they watched the Riverside Company perform 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

We are nurturing this interest with new dressing up clothes, acting out lots of traditional stories and dancing and listening to music all day long!

All this activity supports the early learning across the seven areas of the foundation stage curriculum but especially Communication and Language, Reading and physical development.

The Nursery has also taken part in a music research project 'listening to music' led by Musician Nicola Burke from MAC and funded through Youth Music. Resources will soon be online for you to use and look at! What this space!

Big Nursery Parents workshop Wednesday 16th March - Ever wondered how your child will learn to read and write come along and find out!!

NURSERY PLACES

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 then they are eligible to apply for a Nursery School place for September 2016. Please fill in an application form from the Nursery Office.

Also for some **two year** olds who are eligible there is **free 15 hour entitlement**. These places may become available throughout the year .If you are interested in a place please fill in a form at the Nursery office or see Amanda Smith or Sarah Kingham .Thank You

TIMEKEEPING/ABSENCES



Please make sure you collect your child on time, if you need before school or afterschool then this must be booked in advance. We are full to bursting most days.

Please make every effort to arrive on time, latecomers can unsettle the groups and your child's teacher will not have time to talk to you properly.

A child's time in Nursery is precious, their time with us is soon over, please, please ensure your child attends Nursery and absences are kept to a minimum., Any lost time can be detrimental to a child's learning and wellbeing and if children are not here we miss them!



BIRTHDAYS. It's great for children to celebrate and share their birthday's with their friends. If you wish to send a shop bought cake into Nursery , please do. (Please DO NOT send sweets/lollipops etc we are not allowed to give them out.)

SPARE CLOTHES and WELLIES

Do you have any spare clothes or wellies we can use ? please bring in and give to your child's teacher we are very short of clothes for changing.

MONEY



Can we say a big Thank you to everyone for paying fees and dinner money on time and for using our new online system. Can we remind you that a contribution of £1 a week for snack needs to be paid through School Money you should have received a text and/or email with details of how to do this.

If you wish to contribute monthly or yearly you can also do this through School Money.

CAR PARKING

We know that this is a difficult issue but please walk to Nursery if you can. If you do drive make sure you are parked in a safe designated parking space. Please

DO NOT PARK on the pavement or block entrances. If you do use the car park, please DO NOT park in a disabled space, unless you are displaying a disabled parking permit. Thank you.

CHILDREN MIXING !

The children are having a great time mixing, mixing, mixing! If you have any flour, rice, pasta, herbs, lentils etc could you please give them to your child's teacher. We always need things for mixing so keep them coming.

HALF TERM FUN

Fun with Fireman Sam for children 0-5 years takes place on February 16th at Manningford Hall Druids Heath 10-am to 11:30am .

PROMOTING HAPPIER PARENTING

Starting Tuesday 23 February 9.30am - 11.30am for 5 weeks. Please come and ask Family Support if you are interested.

If you have younger children why not try one of our groups at the Centre or in the community .Pick up our new timetable from reception.

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HOLIDAY DATES ARE ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.