



## Newsletter January 2016



Happy New Year and welcome back for the start of what looks to be another busy, if short, term! A final reminder to our nursery and any other interested parents that the application window for our Reception class for September 2016 closes on 15th January.

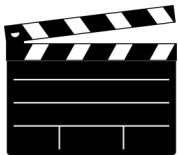
### Two year olds and nursery

Our two year old session will restart on Wednesday 6th January from 12.45 - 3.15 pm. The cost of the sessions is £7.50. Funding is available for eligible two year olds, so please speak to Mrs McCann to see if this applies to your child.



This session is available immediately after a child's 2nd birthday, please get in touch if you are interested in your child attending. We also admit children as 'rising 3s' into our main nursery with 15 hours of free provision available, so again, please contact us if you think your child may be eligible.

### Film Club



We will be holding an after school Intu Film Club on Thursday 14th and Thursday 28th January for our reception to year 4 children. Please indicate on the reply slip attached if you would like your child to attend. On 14th January we will be screening 'Despicable Me 2' with a collection time of 5pm, and on 28th January we will be screening Underdog with a collection time of 4.45pm. We have chosen a Thursday evening to try and avoid children becoming overtired during the week. Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack and drink to keep them going!

### Forest School

We are planning on working outside in our 'Forest School' each Monday this term. Can you please make sure children are dressed appropriately. They need a warm and waterproof coat and pair of trousers that you don't mind getting wet and muddy. A hat, scarf and gloves, wellingtons with warm socks (school socks alone are not suitable to keep little toes warm, so extra socks please) and a change of clothes for when we do come back inside.



### Goslings

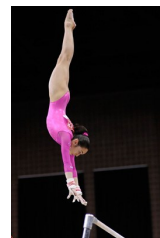


Our parent, baby and toddler group restarts on Thursday 7th January from 9.30 - 11 am. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments for children and adults and a healthy snack are included.

Cost is £1.00 per child and 50p for each additional child.

## Gymnastics

We start our gymnastics lessons at Glendale Middle School with Mrs Kate Thompson on Wednesday 6th January. Can all children please bring a PE kit (shorts and T-shirt) and also a pair of track pants to wear over the top of their shorts for travelling as we will get changed in school before leaving, they will take their indoor plimsolls to wear if appropriate, depending on the activity. Can we ask that you please check that these still fit after the holidays and if Velcro fastened, that the Velcro still works?



## Rugby

Our rugby sessions recommence with Thunder Rugby on Thursday 7th January, Please can all children bring trainers, track/jogging pants, t-shirt and a warm fleece or sweat top (in addition to school jumpers as there is a strong chance we will get muddy!)

## Clothing

So we can be out and about can we please ask that all children have wellington boots, waterproof coats, hats, scarves and gloves in school. Spare clothes and indoor shoes also mean we can enjoy outside and keep ourselves and our school clean and tidy! Could we also ask as above for gymnastics, that you check the Velcro on your child's indoor shoes to make sure they can keep them on their feet safely.



## And finally, muddy feet ....

Please can you remind children travelling on school transport to wipe their feet before getting onto the minibus and to keep their feet on the floor to minimise the mud getting onto the backs of seats, especially at this time of year!.

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th January Gymnastics lessons begin

Thursday 8th January Rugby lesson begin

Thursday 14th January - Film Club 'Despicable Me 2' Cert U pick up at 5pm please

Thursday 28th January - Film Club 'Underdog' Cert U pick up at 4.45pm please

Thursday 11th February -Football club 3.15 - 4.15 pm with Ryan and Trident Soccer

Friday 12th February school closes for half term 3.15 pm

Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th February Reception to Year 4 Parent Consultation meetings

Friday 18th March Sport Relief Day - watch out for our sponsored event!

Tuesday 22nd March - Lambing at Brandon

Wednesday 23rd—Friday 25th March - Robinwood residential for KS2 children

Thursday 24th March - school closes for Easter 2.00 pm.

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