



## Nursery Newsletter March 2019

We would like to say a huge welcome to those families who have joined us in February and for those joining us in March we look forward to getting to know you. We are looking forward to our first parents evening on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If by some chance you have not booked your time slot with your child's key worker, please see the lists that are located on the doors to each classroom. The time slots are for 15 minutes each and we would kindly ask parents to please stick to this time so that we don't end up running late for those parents who have booked later slots.

Please find below dates for your diaries that the children will be participating in this month:

**March 5<sup>th</sup> is Shrove Tuesday** (Pancake Day, yummy 😊). The children will be able to try yummy pancakes with a variety of toppings and may even have a go at flipping a pancake of their own 😊!

**March 7<sup>th</sup> is World book day.** The children can dress up in their favourite book character or any other dressing up costume they may wish to wear 😊. We are also asking for parents to bring in photos of their children reading a book in an unusual place...this could be in the car, at the beach or even upside down 😊! There will be a board up in the entrance hall for you to put up your pictures. This will be available all week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We are very excited to see your reading poses!!

**March 15<sup>th</sup> is Red Nose Day.** The day will be turning Red! We will be raising some pennies for those less fortunate. A collection box will be located in the front entrance for any donations. The children can dress in red and wear their noses too!

**March 17<sup>th</sup> is St Patrick's day** on a Sunday but we will hopefully be going green on the Monday! If the children have something green to wear that would be great 😊

**Week beginning the March 25<sup>th</sup>** the children will be using their artistic talents to create a lovely surprise for a special day on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 😊

**All about me photos:** Please can we ask that you bring in your visual all about me photos if you haven't already 😊 These are the forms you were given on your child's pre-starts to fill with photos 😊 The children who do not have them would really benefit on having these for the setting so thank you in advance from all the rooms.

**Guttering off cuts:** We are still trying to find a handy person who has or may know someone who has some guttering off cuts that we can use a water-ways for our garden. If you know anyone who may have such item's, please let us know 😊 Also for our garden we are thinking

about planting some herbs and vegetables so if anyone has any spare seeds/plants and planters they would be very gratefully received.

**The Friendly Fish outings:** During half term management will be completing risk assessments for our 1<sup>st</sup> outings. Initially this will be for the pre-school children but will eventually be extended to the toddlers too, of course we will update you as and when. On each child's registration form parents are asked to sign a consent for the outings so if circumstances have changed please can you inform the office. The outings will be pre planned so you will have plenty of notice before the event.

**1 o'clock pickups** – We have asked parents politely and have signs detailing our session time's around the nursery now, however we still have parents/carers collecting past 1pm. Please arrive at least 5 minutes before 1pm to ensure we can give you a hand over, unfortunately late pickups are having a detrimental effect on the smooth running of our Nursery day. We will continue to speak to individuals, however if polite requests aren't adhered too, we will be enforcing our late collection fee. Please, if you are running late or indeed may need to book in for another half an hour contact the office asap.

\*\*\*Please remember to sign your child in and out of the register every day\*\*\*

### **Continued Reminders**

**Named clothes:** Now we have many hats, scarves, and gloves please can we ask that these are all named as they are very hard to keep track of. Also, now the garden is a little muddy (which we love of course) can we ask that you ensure your child has appropriate foot wear, and again that this is named. We do our best to remember whose everyone's is, but this really is a task for Mary Poppins herself, so your help would be much appreciated 😊

**\*\*Please make sure you bring in warm coats now, we access the garden in all weathers\*\***

**Dates for your 2019 Diary:**

**Christmas Shut Down Week 2019:** We will be closed the w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 (inclusive of bank holidays).

**Bank Holiday Closures:** Next in April 2019; Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Term Time Families only:** Easter half term holidays begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April and return to nursery date is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Fee Payment – is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month** – Please ensure that your invoices are paid by the payment date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month for that month. Your co-operation and timely payments are much appreciated,

Kindest Regards, Natalie & The Friendly Fish Team.

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