



Nursery Newsletter April 2019

We would like to say a huge welcome to those families who have joined us in March and for those joining us in April we look forward to getting to know you.

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

Mother's day: March 31st I am sure the children will be making some lovely things, but you haven't heard that from us! We hope you have a lovely day and enjoy your special creations 😊

Easter- Good Friday 19th and Easter Monday 22nd April the nursery will be closed both days as they are bank holidays. We will be exploring Easter with something very special this year so watch this space for the exciting reveal! We will of course plan some lovely Easter activities which I'm certain will include an Egg hunt 😊

Life Cycles: To start the spring season off we are learning about Lifecycles, we have our own tadpoles in the garden which have already got their wriggly tails, and we have caterpillars joining us at a later stage... and something very special in between 😊

St Georges day: 23rd April. We will have a red and white day! Children can dress in red and white and we are sure there will be lots of red and white activities going on too!

April Next Steps: Your child will receive new updated Next Steps in April – we will as usual share these with you, your key person will share with you and provide you a home copy. Should you have any queries please talk to your child's key worker 😊

All about me photos: Although we have had some more returned, there are still quite a few children who do not have photos – we would love to get photos for all the children, so please pop some in, or request a new sheet if needed.

The friendly fish outings: As you know from our last newsletter Management were completing all our outing risk assessments and getting things ready for our outings last half term. We will be beginning our pre-school outings W/C 15th April, these will be small outings to start with to get everyone used to going out and about and of course teaching the children what we do on our outings with Nursery 😊 Should any of you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to ask – you will be informed of when our outings will be and when your child will be going.

THIS IS A CONTINUED IMPORTANT REMINDER: 1 o'clock pickups and 8am/1pm drop offs – 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 to, 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. May we also ask that if you arrive early for either the 8am or the 1.30pm drop off that you would be understanding that we have need to make sure staff are in place and ready to receive your children so we would kindly ask you to wait until your drop off time.

Car parking on our driveway: Please could we ask parents using our driveway to drop off or pick up children to be considerate when parking and make sure there is plenty of space for others to park safely too. Thank you.

Please continue to **take off your muddy boots** if needed when coming in – some of you have been super stars doing this and it is much appreciated 😊

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 23rd December 2019 (inclusive of bank holidays).

Bank Holiday Closures: Next in April 2019; Friday 19th and Monday 22nd.

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

Fee Payment – is the 3rd of every month – Please ensure that your invoices are paid by the payment date of the 3rd 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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