

FAMILY UNIT

Spring 2 Newsletter

We are really excited to be finally back together again and are looking forward to some really exciting activities for the remainder of this term. A warm welcome to all of our new children joining us too!

OUR LEARNING



This half term our topic 'what an odd egg...' will explore the range of different animals which hatch from eggs and animal lifecycles before linking in to an Easter theme as we get closer to the Easter holidays. We are hoping to welcome some real chicken eggs at their incubation stage which we will watch hatch (fingers crossed!). We will be reading a range of lovely books about eggs such as *The Odd Egg* by Emily Gravett and We're going on an Easter Egg hunt!

HOME LEARNING

Please remember to upload a picture to Tapestry of your child's favourite book. We will be talking about this in class and we want to ensure all children are able to join in the discussions without feeling left out because they have no photo to talk about.

We will begin sending reading books home for our Reception children once we have re-assessed their reading levels. Please return any books you have at home from before Christmas.

REMINDERS

Spare Clothes

Please send a spare set of clothes in for your child which will stay on their peg in school until needed. Don't forget to write your child's name on their jumpers/ cardigans that they may choose to take off during the day.

Milk

The term after your child has turned 5, milk is no longer provided free of charge. Should you wish your child to continue having milk in school, please speak to the office to organise payment.

PE

For the remainder of this half term we will be meeting the Early Years curriculum physical development objectives through outdoor play and activities in our playground so a PE kit will not be required.

Drinks Bottles

Please send your child with a named drink bottle each day. This may contain juice or water but no fizzy drinks. If you are sending your child with a branded bottle such as Evian water or a fruit shoot please name them as we get a few of these each day which can cause much confusion!

Personal Belongings

Please can you explain to your children that they must leave their own belongings at home. We must ensure we are minimising the risk of virus transfer as much as possible so that we can get through the rest of the school year without having to close bubbles. We will be maintaining our very rigorous cleaning schedule of the resources we have in school and enforcing regular hand washing and sanitisation.

Packed Lunches

Please remember we are a **completely nut-free** school due to allergies. We also do not allow chocolate bars in lunch boxes. Grapes must be cut in half length ways to prevent choking risk.

Indoor Shoes

We have found over the last few weeks for the children in school that our carpet was getting very muddy because of spending time digging in the mud and playing on the field so we would like children to start bringing in a pair of indoor shoes, pumps or slippers or a pair of wellies to wear when they go outside. We appreciate this may not be something you have available to bring in from Monday but over the next few weeks if you can provide a second pair of shoes this would be really helpful.

Pick up/ Drop off

Please take note of our amended hours for the remainder of this half term. We start at 8.45 and finish at 2.45pm. For children with siblings there will be provision for you to drop off all children off at the earliest time your children's classes start and pick them up at the latest finish time.

For children arriving in the afternoon please use the door into class from our playground rather than the door opposite the children's centre.

Face Coverings

Please wear a face mask or covering when entering the school premises.

DATES

w/c 15th March Whole School Themed Science Week

19th March Comic Relief Day. Children can wear non-uniform if they bring a donation for the charity

w/c 22nd March Parents Evenings. These will be via phone calls or zoom meetings.

w/c 29th March Easter Services. Details to follow.

EASTER HOLIDAYS 2nd -18th April

