

## Newsletter January 2023



We would like to wish all of our families a very Happy New Year and hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas. It is so good to be back and we have lots to look forward to over the coming months with World Book Day, Mothers Day Tea, Fathers Day Breakfast and not to mention our Kings Coronation Garden Party and much more. Further details will follow on all events in due course.

The children have settled back in really well this week and its been really nice to hear their stories from over the Christmas holidays. They are enjoying playing outside in the garden area. We have been focusing on enhancing mark making and fostering their love of number recognition and counting.



Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day  
W/C 27<sup>th</sup> February – Dress up every day and bring in your favorite book

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers Day Tea  
More details to follow

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Kings Coronation  
Garden Party  
More details to follow

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April – EID  
More details to follow

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> – Fathers Day Breakfast  
More details to follow

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Leavers Presentation  
10.00 - 11.30  
11.00 Parents to join



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Last Day of Term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – First Day of Term

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Last Day of Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Holidays

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – First Day of Term

### *Lunch Time*

In a bid to encourage healthy eating patterns from an early age, our recommendation is for no more than 3 items, for example, a small sandwich, a yoghurt and some fruit to be in their boxes.

We do not permit nuts due to allergies. No peanut butter or chocolate spread containing hazelnuts or Hummus in lunchboxes and please ensure all snack bars are nut free.

Please ensure that if you are using seeded bread for your child's sandwiches that it does not contain sesame.

We also request that no raw or cooked egg should be included in your child's lunch box. We do appreciate that this can be difficult particularly in cakes and biscuits therefore if your child's lunch box does contain items with cooked egg in please notify us,

### *Snack Time*

Just as a little reminder we are now providing snack.

### *Things to remember*

If your child is showing any symptoms such as temperature, upset tummy or generally feeling unwell and you feel that they may need calpol or other medication please do not send them into preschool. If your child requires any form of medication at home can you please ensure you update us even if this is a short course of antibiotics.

Please don't forget to inform us if anyone else is going to be picking your child up from pre-school. We will require a password.

Parent Parking: unless you have permission from St Mark's, please can we ask that you do not park in the school car park.

Please remember to label children's coats, jumpers, wellies, lunch bags, drink bottles etc.



*Don't risk it,  
Quarter it*



No nuts in  
this area due  
to allergies



Greet your child  
with a smile  
and  
not a mobile!

### *Focus Child*

Each child is a focus child for a whole week every half term, You will receive a focus sheet when it is your child's week so please complete & return the sheet or add information to Tapestry.

### *Spare Clothes*

Where possible please provide a change of clothes if you know your child is likely to require them. If anyone has any spare socks/waterproof trousers that your child has grown out of we would be most grateful. As the weather is changing please remember to bring in a coat/waterproofs and wellies. The children enjoy water play so tend to get a little wet.

### *Communication*

Correspondence to parents is submitted via Tapestry with notifications displayed on our Notice Board outside of the setting. Tapestry is a wonderful tool which enables us to share information with you and also for you to share with us. We love to see what you get up to with your little ones so please share your pictures.

'Our Facebook page is back up and running. This is a private group for parents of the children attending Dandelions.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1158067937547622>  
Dandelions community pre-school

If anything has changed at home ie; contact details, doctors or in your child's health including allergies please do let us know so that we can keep our records updated.

