

# Newsletter March 2024



# HAPPY EASTER!



Its been a lovely 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the term and we have had so much going on!

One of the highlights was having Mummy's or someone special in our lives to come in for a little treat for Mother's Day. A huge thank you to all of those that were able to come in. It was lovely to see everyone spending time together and sharing stories and playtime.

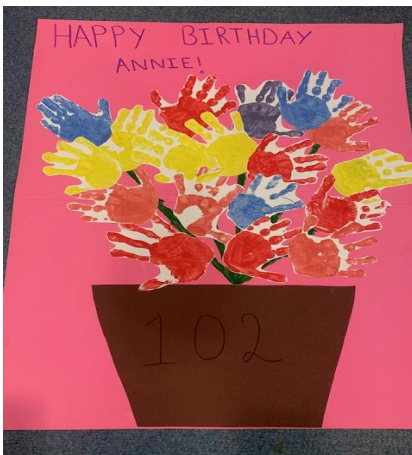
The children celebrated World Book Day this month for a whole week so that everybody had the chance to come in dressed up and enjoy sharing their love of books. We even created our own story by reading one sentence from each book which the children and adults found very funny. We have enjoyed seeing the children dressed up in their wonderful costumes.



We were invited to join in with the Dashwood Manor cake swap. Nicola and the children baked brownies and crispy cakes then some of the residents came in with cakes to share. The children had so much fun playing with our visitors and sharing songs with them.

One of the residents will be turning 102 so to make her day even more special the children made her a card.

Our Relax Kids sessions have been going really well and the children have shown wonderful listening skills and followed instructions for relaxing and breathing techniques.



The countdown to Easter is on and we have had so much fun with our Easter Egg Hunt for all of the children to enjoy. We have been collaging easter chicks with feathers, using potato mashers with paint to look like easter eggs and making chocolate nests.



## Childcare Choices

With significant changes coming to **15 and 30 hours childcare support** in England in 2024 you are able to sign up for more details about the upcoming expansion from April 2024, as well as how and when to register for support with childcare costs on the link below.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

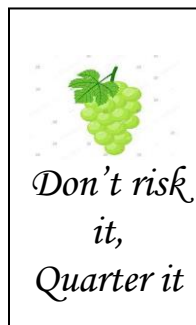
## Lunch Time

We have been noticing some large grapes in the children's lunch boxes cut in half, these need to be quartered please.

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.



## Communication

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. Please share your activities with us so that we can talk about them with the children.

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.

## Spare Clothes

With the weather on the change we will be opening up the mud kitchen and the sandpit after Easter.

Please ensure your child has wellies as the grass area can get muddy.



2<sup>nd</sup> April – 11.00 Dashwood Manor Easter Egg Hunt  
(Please let us know if you would like to join in)

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> June Fathers Day Breakfast



Leavers Group Shot Photo

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – 10.00

If your child does not attend on a Tuesday and you would like their photograph taken please do let us know and we will confirm a time to come in



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last Day of Term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – First Day of Term

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Inset Day

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last Day of Term

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Leavers Party



A huge thank you to you all for your support this term with our fundraising. We are getting closer to reaching our target for our outside reading den!! We wish you all a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

