



Newsletter February 2022

What fun we have been having so far this term!

The children have been making the most of our extended outside area and exploring the natural environment and observing the effects of cold weather. They have been climbing trees and using natural resources to build their own obstacle courses in our woodland area.

The children have shown a real interest in volcanoes. The children are currently in the process of building their own volcano and we will be carrying out some science experiments to show them how a volcano works.

We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks with our Sponsored read and celebrating the Queens Jubilee (More Information to follow)

World Book Day

We are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day and our love of books by holding a sponsored read.

The money raised will enable us to continue enhancing our Pre-School.

We will be inviting children to come in either dressed as their favourite story character from Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March.

Please bring along your favourite bed-time stories so that we can read them in group.

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.

Snack Time

Please provide your child with a healthy snack ie, Fruit, Vegetable, Rice Cake etc

Please name all drink cups and lunch boxes

We do not permit nuts due to allergies.

No peanut butter or chocolate spread containing hazelnuts in lunchboxes.

Please ensure all snack bars are nut free

Should your child develop any allergies please advise us to enable us to update your child's records

Half Term Activity Packs

Activity packs are being created by the Committee for the children to enjoy over the half term.

If you would like to purchase we are kindly asking for a £5 donation.

There will be a limited number of packs available.

Things to remember:

We would like to remind parents that a mask must be worn at all times whilst on the school grounds

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 pre-school.

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

Where possible it would be ideal if you could bring them in and introduce us beforehand. We will require a password.

Parent Parking:

There is **No Parent Parking** allowed in the school car park at Dandelions

Reminder for parents claiming '30 hours childcare' in the Spring term 2022

All parents who are working, have a 3 or 4 year old and want to claim funded extended hours (30 hours childcare), **must** make sure they have applied to [HMRC](https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account) no later than **31st March 2022**. All parents with a 30 hours code need to make sure their details are up to date. They must do this every three months: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>



Monday 21st February – Half Term

Monday 28th February – First Day of Term

Friday 8th April – Inset Day

Monday 11th April Easter Break

Monday 25th April – First Day of Term

Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday

Monday 30th May – Half Term

Monday 6th June – First Day of Term

Wednesday 8th June – Inset Day

Communication

We have made the decision to close our Facebook page therefore all future correspondence will be submitted via Tapestry and Email

Tapestry is a wonderful tool which enables us to share information with you and also for you to share with us. With half term approaching we would love to see what you get up to with your little ones so please share your pictures.

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

Spare Clothes

Where possible please use the changing bags to put a change of clothes in 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.

Please ensure your child is dressed accordingly.
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The children are enjoying water play so tend to get a little wet so would advise a change of clothes are brought in.