

# March 2024 Newsletter

## **R** Reception Place:

You should hear about your child's Reception place offer around 16<sup>th</sup> April. Any questions, concerns or issues should be directed straight to Slough Borough Council's School Admissions Team. The Nursery has no input into place allocation.

## Planting:

The children will be starting to plant some fruits, vegetables and flowers in the coming weeks. If you have any donations of soil bags or seeds, they would be gratefully received.

## World Book Day:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 is World Book Day, and we will be celebrating by inviting children to come to nursery dressed as their favourite book character. A voluntary donation is welcome and will go towards the end of Summer celebrations. All children will be given a £1 book voucher.

## Parent Consultations:

This term's parent chat's will be taking place between Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

You should, by now, have received the date/time for your meeting. Please note: We may be able to change the time of the consultation, but the day is fixed. If you wish to change the time, please contact Sarah in the office. Also, if you do not plan on attending, please let Sarah know, so that we can free up that time.

As timings are tight, please ensure you arrive on time, so that you have the full allotted time to chat with the keyworker.

## Last Day of Spring Term:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 is the last day of our Spring Term. To allow the staff to complete home visits for the new children starting in April, and so that we don't have to close the school to facilitate this, we have decided to run shorter session times on this day.

AM children's session time will be 8:30am to 10:30am

PM children's session time will be 11:00am to 1:00pm

30hr children's session time can either finish at 10:30am, 1:00pm or 2:30pm, as pre-arranged – Please let Sarah know your choice.

## Red Nose Day:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 is Red Nose Day and we will be celebrating by having a cake sale.



### **Sponsored Walk:**

Following last year's success, the children will be taking part in a now annual sponsored walk. It will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, and the children will be completing one lap of the adjacent park. This year we will be raising money for the nursery. Please look out for sponsor forms coming home in the next few weeks.



### **Parent Donations:**

We welcome donations of fruit/vegetables for snack time, flour for making playdoh, porridge oats for early writing skills, and boxes of tissues. Thank you to those parents who have already contributed.



### **New Funding for 2 Year Olds:**

From **April 2024**, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support. Just sign in to your Government Gateway account to apply.

### Dates for your diary:

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March to Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parent Consultations
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Last Day of Spring 2 Half Term
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Easter Holidays – <b>Nursery Closed</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	INSET Day – <b>Nursery Closed</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Start of Summer 1 Half Term
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2024	Basil and Crew Farm Visit
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday – <b>Nursery Closed</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	School Photographer
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Paw Patrol on a Stroll Sponsored Walk
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Summer Half Term – <b>Nursery Closed</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Basil and Crew Reptile Visit
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	<b>Last Day of Summer Term for children</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	Home Visits with September starters
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July to Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	INSET Days – Nursery Closed

The safeguarding of children is of the utmost importance.  
If you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Miss Lister – Safeguarding Lead  
Miss Hualde – Deputy Safeguarding Lead  
Mr Yanambakkam – Safeguarding Governor