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Newsletter Spring 2

As we are coming up to half term just a few things to keep you up to date with.

Ofsted Inspection – we continue to be outstanding!

As you are aware we were inspected by Ofsted on 10th January. We are now able to share the report with you. For a school to be outstanding, it requires the commitment and dedication of everyone involved working together, so a big thank you to all the staff, governors, parents and children. We make a great team! The report highlights the skill of the staff in providing challenging activities, the quality of the learning environment and the excellent behaviour of the children. The full report is attached for you to read.

Children's Learning

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. They have extended the range of food they eat by sampling noodles, prawn crackers and crispy pancake rolls, using chop sticks. Children have made a beautiful Chinese dragon by decorating paper plates – do come and see him! In the mark making area children have experimented with Chinese writing and making Chinese lanterns.



Tapestry

We are busy trying to make sure all new parents have access to their child's electronic Learning Diary. It is our aim to get everyone linked in by half term, thank-you for your patience. Staff try to update every child's diary at least once every two weeks. However with the number of children involved this is not always possible. Staff only record what we consider to be significant learning and this varies from child to child. Sometimes children develop new skills very quickly for a few weeks or months and then plateau as they consolidate and practice their newly acquired learning. Please do 'like' and comment on items that staff post, it is good to have that two way conversation to support your child's learning.

Please let us know if you are not able to access your child's learning diary and we will try to sort it out.

Library

Choosing a book to take home is a very important part of developing a love of books and an interest in reading. Please make sure that your child brings their book back on their library day so that they can choose a new one. If you are still enjoying reading a particular book then please do keep it for a second week! Your child's book needs to be in nursery on their group's library day or they will have to wait until the following week to change it.



Library days: Pond Group Tuesday morning, Thursday afternoon

Woods Group Wednesday

Garden Group Thursday morning, Tuesday afternoon

Facebook

We are trying to reach as many families with young children in the Newbury area as we can. We want to make sure parents with 2,3 and 4year olds know we are here so that we can continue to thrive and serve the local community. Please help us by following us on facebook.



Medication



If your child is unwell then they need to be at home with you. However if your child needs to be given medicine that has been prescribed by a doctor or an inhaler for asthma you need to let the staff know and complete a medication form. Forms are available from the conservatory. All medicines at nursery have to be kept in a secure place so please make sure they are handed direct to staff.

Clothes and Bags

Please make sure your children's clothes and bags are named. Please help your child to hang their coat on their hook and then put their named bag in the bottom of the trolley leaving room for coats on the pegs.

Half term

The nursery will be closed next week, Monday 13th to Friday 17th February. Children return to nursery on Monday 20th February. The Family hub will be open as usual. Please check the website for details. Have a lovely holiday, I hope the sun shines!

