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## Newsletter 3

Just a few things as we get close to the Easter holidays,

### Children's Learning

The children have been very busy this term as I am sure you have seen from the entries in their Tapestry on-line diaries. They thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in their pyjamas and reading 'Spot' books. Their knowledge of how stories are constructed and vocabulary has increased as a consequence.

### Don't forget to join us for Rhyme Time this Wednesday starting at 11.00 and 12.45.

Remembering rhymes is an important stage of learning to read and I am sure that the children will enjoy sharing what they have learnt with you.



After Rhyme time we would like to encourage you to come with your purses and try your luck on the Chocolate tombola and buy some cakes from the Cake stall, all in aid of nursery funds. We will put aside healthy eating for one day!

### Don't forget Egg rolling next week

Egg rolling is a chance to develop physical skills running up and down the hill! It allows children to explore their local environment and develop social skills with friends, family and staff. We need help walking the children to the park and back and it is a lovely activity to be part of, so bring your younger children, do let your child's teacher know if you can come!



### Dates for Egg Rolling:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April am – Woods group

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – am & pm Garden group – pm Pond group

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – am Pond group – pm Woods group

Remember to bring in a hardboiled egg to decorate this week.



Friday  
24 March

The children enjoyed a variety of red activities, including red play dough, red water in the water tray and icing biscuits using decorations to create red noses. I am sure the children enjoyed all the activities but I think they particularly liked eating the biscuits! Thank-you for your generous donations on Friday, we made £120.71 for Comic Relief.

## New Look Lunch club

Next term, as we have already explained, we are updating our lunch club. This is in readiness to be able to offer 30 hours provision to eligible children from September. We do need you to be aware that from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, lunch club will be from **11.40 – 12.40** and the afternoon session will **start at 12.40 and finish at 3.30pm**.

## Getting ready for 30hours provision in September

Next term we will be asking parents of children who will be with us in September whether they will qualify for 30hours provision and whether they wish to take up this opportunity. We intend to offer one class of 30hours places in the first year.

## Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers



Active Kids

Sainsbury are running their Active Kids Voucher scheme again and we are collecting for cooking and sports equipment for School. The collection box is available in the conservatory – please save any vouchers you have and put them in the box. Thank you.

## Parking

Please can I remind you that there is no facility for parents to park by the nursery, not even to drop off or collect. The only parents/carers that we are able to give permission to drive through the barrier and up the drive are those who have children that have a special educational need or have a mobility issue themselves. Please talk to me if you believe this applies to you.



The nearest car park is Parkway where you can park for 30 minutes for free using the 'click and collect' arrangement.

## Modelling boxes



The children have enjoyed building models and we now need some more small boxes, yoghurt pots, egg boxes etc. so they can continue to make models.

## Final payments for Nursery sessions

If you owe the Nursery any fees for sessions or clubs they are now overdue. You can pay cash or cheque to the office or direct into our bank account.

## End of summer term

The last day of the summer term for children will now be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. All the children will be invited to attend between 9.30am-12.00 noon. All parents/carers need to collect their child/ren at 12.00 noon promptly and are invited to complete a treasure hunt with their child in the park. After the treasure hunt you may like to picnic in the park with your child/ren. There will be no breakfast, lunch or tea club on this day.

The change in dates is because an opportunity has arisen for all staff to attend an inspirational conference on planning for children's learning. We feel that this is too good an opportunity to miss so the governors have agreed for us to take two of our in-service days at this point. It will also enable us to recognise the contribution all staff and governors made towards our Ofsted outstanding grade.

## Last day of the Spring term

Next **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** will be the last day of term before the holidays. This will be a normal school day for us although we appreciate that some of you may need to collect children early to fit in with collecting older children from school. Have a lovely Easter break once we get there! Hopefully the weather will be good and we will all have the opportunity to get out in the sunshine. There are lots of ideas of things to do as a Family in and around Newbury for little or no cost. Here are some websites that you can get ideas from

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-east-and-london/berkshire/newbury>

<https://www.netmums.com/west-berkshire/places-to-go>

<https://www.supersavvyme.co.uk/>

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/days-out>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk>

The Family hub will be open normal hours except on Good Friday and Easter Monday. The first day of the summer term for returning children is **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**.

