

# Spring Term 1 Newsletter



Spring Term 1- Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Spring term 1

Welcome to the start of the Spring term!

It is hard to believe that we are in the second term of the academic year already. This time brings applications for the next phase of our little ones' journeys to either school or nursery. (Please see deadline dates attached)

This half term we are focusing on the topic of Weather and Seasons. We will be covering a range of activities related to this topic. Mrs Conner has asked the Butterfly parents to send in pictures of the children that in some way relate of a season or the weather for example, photos of your children on the beach, building snowmen, jumping in puddles or holding umbrellas, planting flowers or picking pumpkins. Please could these be sent in by the start of next week (16/1/23) Please feel free to send them on the post via famly if printing is difficult.

Over the past few years, we have introduced homework books for the Butterfly children to help with their school readiness. However, this has never been very well received, with the majority of the class not participating. This year we have instead made Home Bags that are hanging in the corridor outside the Caterpillar class. These bags are suitable for anyone (either class) to take and complete. There are 6 different bags each containing the resources to complete activities with your child at home. There are 2 math activity packs for different age groups, colour by numbers, cutting activities, writing practice and painting bags. Please can you sign these in and out the same as the library books and return the bags to a member of staff when you have finished with them so the items can be restocked. We hope that these will be a fantastic addition to the home lending system.



## Important Dates

### Spring Term

National storytelling week  
Parent helpers needed  
30<sup>th</sup> January - 6<sup>th</sup>  
February 2023

Pyjama Day  
8<sup>th</sup> February

Half term  
13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February

Spring term parent  
consultations  
Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup>  
March 2023

End of Term  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at  
12o'clock

### Summer term

Starts  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**NEW BANK HOLIDAY  
CONFIRMED**

8<sup>th</sup> May  
(In honour of the  
coronation of His  
Majesty King Charles III)

Polling day  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Setting Closed

Half term  
29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

## Fundraising

Fundraising is always an important part of our academic year at Tilehouse street. However, in these difficult financial times we are very conscious that all money is precious. We do however, also believe that giving to those in need is an important lesson to pass on to our children. This term we have teamed up again with a fantastic charity called Crackerjacks children's trust. They have reached out to us as they are trying to raise money for a wonderful little boy called James who is blind and in need of some sensory toys.

To help we are holding a Pyjama and Onesie fun day on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. These days are always so much fun and the children love coming to school in their pyjamas. We are asking a suggested donation of £2.00 per child to help raise money for James. However, please do feel free to give more if you can.



## Refresh of resources in the home corner.

At Tilehouse street we have always been proud to deliver an inclusive range of materials and resources to our children. It is important that all the children's heritage and nationalities are respected and celebrated. We would like to ask you all to have a look through your cupboards and book shelves to see if there are any cook books relating to your heritage that you could let us have. This in turn will help the children to see different foods from around the world and maybe encourage them to try new things. We would also ask that you message or email Mrs Tobias with traditional meals that are eaten at home. We have several different cultures within our setting and it is important that they are all represented at Tilehouse Street.

We would also like to have empty packets and boxes of food from different cultures, it would be great if we could have more of these for the children to use and become familiar with. These could be spices, packets of cereal, biscuits, cooking sauces, rice, grains or pulses anything that is made from paper or plastic (no glass jars)

## School applications

Remember if you are applying for a reception place for your child in this academic year your applications need to be in by **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
Nursery applications need to be in **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**