

Spring Term Newsletter



Spring Term 2 - Week Beginning 20th February 2023

Welcome Back!

Welcome back after the extended half term break. Most of the staff are now feeling much better, and we all hope that we are starting to see the back of these horrible colds, flu, bugs and covid.

We have started our new topic, People Who Help Us. This will run for the first three weeks followed by Our World and Celebrations.

During the topic of People Who Help Us we have arranged lots of amazing visits from different people in our community. Please see dates of visits and a trip so you can talk to your children about our visitors.

Tuesday 21st February Visit from Nurse Laura Mitchell (10.30am)

Thursday 23rd February* Visit from Flight Officer Shellie Hunter from RAF Henlow

Wednesday 1st March Trip to Waitrose
Please speak to Mrs Tobias if you are available to help for this trip.

Thursday 2nd March* Police Visit (11am)

Wednesday 8th March* Fire Station visit. (10am)

*As you will appreciate, these events may be subject to availability in the case of an emergency

Our Current topic is People Who Help Us



Reminder of Term Dates

End of Spring term
Friday 31st March at
12o'clock

**Summer Term
Starts
Monday 17th April**

Bank Holiday
1st May (shut)

Polling day
4th May (shut)

Bank Holiday
8th May (shut)

Half term
29th May- 2nd June

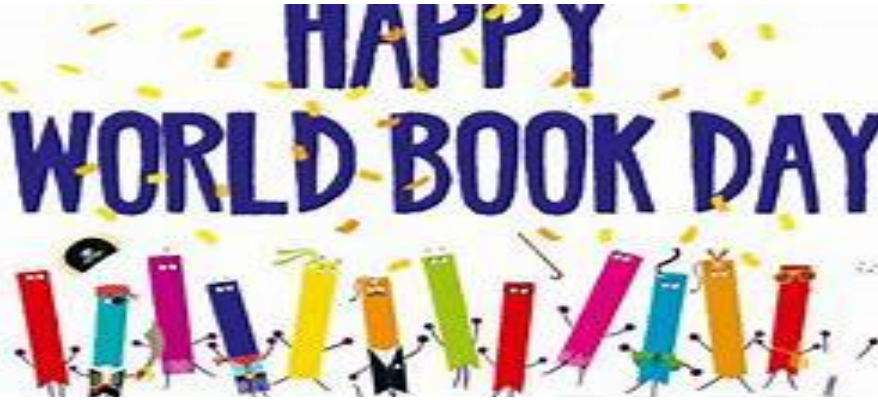
Term Ends
Friday 14th July at
12 o'clock

Fundraising

Thank you to all of you who were able to donate to the Crackerjacks Children's Charity pyjama day fundraiser. We were able to raise £52.00. I am sure they will be delighted as this will help to buy some needed sensory toys.

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. Please encourage your child to come dressed as their favourite book character



New Hello's

As you are all aware we said goodbye to Mrs Kendall in December after her retirement. We are very happy to announce that we have now recruited another member of staff to join our wonderful team.

Mrs Jordan Day will be joining us from the first week after half term. Please give her a very warm welcome when you see her.

She will be working predominantly in the Caterpillar room. However, I am sure she will be in both classes throughout the year.

Other Bits and Bobs

As we missed some of our fun activities due to covid we shall be incorporating them into the topics or having them before the end of term.

Parents consultation meetings

We shall be having our Spring term Parents consultation meetings the week commencing 13th March. Your child's Key person will be in touch to find out if you prefer these to be in person or via the telephone.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to all of you who took part in our most recent Parent Questionnaires. We had a 50% completed response, of which 100% agreed or strongly agreed that their children enjoys the activities in the setting. 100% strongly agreed that they felt this is a safe place for their children. 100% agreed or strongly agreed that staff and Management are happy, helpful and approachable for all their needs.

I wanted to answer the two questions raised in the comment's boxes.

1. Hot food being served at lunch times.

While this would be wonderful, we do not have the staff to accommodate making hot dinners, with the additional concerns regarding allergies and nutritional requirements I feel at this time it is not something we could facilitate. However, we have now increased the frequency hot snack options.

2. Flexibility of hours in the Butterfly room.

I have found over the past 5 years of being in the Butterfly class that consistency is one of the most important things. While I understand that some parents would like flexibility in the 15 hours free funding, the benefits from being here everyday and the consistency of learning along with the preparation for school readiness is something that I feel outweighs all other factors.