## End of Spring Term 2 Newsletter



Spring Term 2 - Week Beginning 20th February 2023

# What an exciting half term we have had!

We have really pack so much in this half term! We had visits from Nurse Laura Mitchell, Flight Officer Jordan Meleady and Shellie Hunter from RAF Henlow, PCSO Natalie Skinner and Several Fire fighters from Hitchin Fire Station. In addition to this we also had a behind the scenes trip to Waitrose. The children have loved having so many hands-on experiences and have learnt about different occupations and how people help us. Over the past two weeks we have also looked at Our World focusing on different countries and heritage of the children in our setting.

I would like to thank all the parents who have worked with us to make this such an interesting topic.

We have literally eaten our way around the world throughout the setting. In the Butterfly class we have looked at England and had Fish chips and peas, to celebrate Turkey was made Dolmades, we looked at Thailand and was treated to Bao buns and coconut rice cake, for Iran we had Persian cakes and the USA the children ate apple pie, for France the children ate baguette, croissant, madeleines French cheese and cherry jam. Mrs Anderson very kindly made dumplings and fried plantain along with a tropical fruit salad to celebrate the Caribbean, with Haggis and carrot mash for Scotland, Samosas and roti for India and Pizza and Gelato for Italy.

In the Caterpillar class we had Arancini, Focaccia and Italian crisps to celebrate Italy, Hot cross buns when looking at England, Ham cabbage and potato bread from Ireland, Portuguese custard tarts (pastel De Nata). We also had some Indian delicacies as well as sharing the Caribbean food from Mrs Anderson.

We were able to find these countries on a globe, talk about any experiences the children had of going there and listen to music that originated there. Reminder of the change in <u>Term Dates</u>

Summer Term Starts Monday 17th April

> Bank Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> May (shut)

### 4<sup>th</sup> May NOW OPEN

Bank Holiday 8<sup>th</sup> May (shut)

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

Term Ends WEDNESDAY 19th July at 12 o'clock

#### Fundraising

We have another Bags-2 School collection booked for <u>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</u>. Please can you bag up all your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, and toys (please see list for accepted items) This will help raise funds for the Pre-school and Nursery. Please can items be brought in as close to the Friday as possible as storage is limited.



#### **Tuesdays after Easter**

We introduced Cooking Tuesdays last year as the hall was being used by the Toddler group. This is currently not the case and as a setting we have found cooking to be quite costly. We are for the time being stopping our cooking Tuesdays and will review this at a later date if the hall becomes unavailable again.

#### Fees for September 2023

Unfortunately, as with every business we have had to look at increasing our prices from September 2023. This will keep us in line with other local settings and help to cover the running costs. The fees will increase by .50p per hour. Session prices from September will be as follows. £22.50 per session for under 3's £21.00 per session for over 3's

£7.00 per lunch club.

Fun week 27 -31 March

Next week being the last week of term, we will be having a fun week.

Here is a list of daily activities.

Monday Dress Up day either Pjs or fancy dress

Tuesday Easter themed Cooking

Wednesday Making our Tilehouse Street Scarecrow

Thursday Easter Egg Hunt

Friday Movie morning