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NEWSLETTER



Where Milestones are Achieved

Welcome back!

As we dive into another exciting term, we're thrilled to reflect on the incredible journey we had last term. Our little learners had so much fun engaging in a multitude of fun and enriching activities. From exploring the adventurous tale of 'Where's Lenny?' by Alanna Max, discovering the joys of sensory play and imaginative pet shop role-plays, to delving into numbers through playful counting rhymes and enjoying sensory snack time with delicious, flavoured jams. We witnessed immense growth in communication skills as our children described textures, shared preferences, and expressed emotions during our hide-and-seek adventures. Additionally, through captivating storytelling moments, like 'Monster's Clothes' sessions, our little ones developed their ability to identify characters and story elements. We are looking forward to another term of curiosity, learning, and delightful discoveries!

Sarah

Nurturing British Values Through Politeness and Respect:

During the next few weeks, we aim to instill fundamental values in our little learners that promote kindness, respect, and understanding. Teaching British values, such as respect for others, tolerance, and the importance of good manners, start from an early age.

During snack-time, we will encourage our children to embrace these values by practicing simple yet significant gestures, such as saying 'please' and 'thank you.' These expressions of politeness and gratitude form the building blocks of good manners, fostering a warm and considerate environment for everyone.

Such values are a life-long skill that are so important in our communities!

Toddler Dummy Use:

Extended dummy use beyond six months can impact dental and speech development in children. Moderation is key, and for helpful guidance on gently transitioning your child away from their dummy, follow the link posted below for some top tips from Bounty.

We know from experience the potential impact of prolonged dummy use on our children's communication and language skills. At preschool, we actively encourage our children to keep their dummies stored in their bookbags, recognising the importance of fostering healthy habits early on.

[Top tips for helping your baby or toddler get rid of their dummy | Baby | Bounty](#)

Christmas Jumper Day 2023 – Thursday 7th December

Get ready to bring some festive cheer to our preschool on Thursday 7th December as we join in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day! Children and staff alike are encouraged to wear their most colourful, cosy, and fun Christmas jumpers or T-shirts to celebrate the spirit of giving. It is a wonderful opportunity for our little ones to learn about helping others while having fun at preschool.

We are collecting donations in support of Save the Children's fantastic cause, and you can contribute through our preschool or conveniently through our JustGiving page; [Sarah Wallis - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

Every donation makes a meaningful difference in supporting children less fortunate. Let's make this festive season extra special by spreading joy and kindness together! Thank you for your support and generosity.

Chickenpox and Scarlet Fever:

It is the time of the year when we see Chickenpox and Scarlet Fever.

The recommended period of exclusion from preschool is:

Chickenpox – Until all vesicles have crusted over.

Scarlet Fever – 24 hours after commencing antibiotics.

For further details about symptoms please visit [Managing specific infectious diseases: A to Z - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z)

However, if you have any concerns seek medical guidance from your GP.

Rhyming Week, November 13th to 17th:

Rhyming is more than fun; it's vital for children's language development and word appreciation. Explore the impact of rhymes on early literacy, phonemic awareness, and communication skills by using the following link; [Why rhymes and songs are so important for early years \(yellow-door.net\)](http://www.yellow-door.net)

Caring for Little Smiles: Exploring Oral Health at Preschool:

We understand the significance of instilling good dental habits in young children. It is crucial to start these practices early, especially for those under 5.

Our preschool is excited to introduce oral health education through interactive activities. Using toothbrushes as tools, we will make learning about oral hygiene fun by engaging them in playful cleaning games.

Nativity Play – 9am, 12th December:

We will shortly be sending out a letter regarding the nativity play which we hold in the primary school and as there is limited capacity, we will be able to allocate four tickets per family initially.

A ticket will be required for any younger siblings including babies. If you require further tickets, please let us know on the reply slip.

If your child has a line to say in our play, we shall be grateful if you will practice these words at home, so the children are confident on the day. We are also learning some songs you will know, like Away in a Manger and We Wish you a Merry Christmas!

Promoting Healthy Eating:

Here, at the preschool, the well-being and healthy development of our children is paramount. We place a strong emphasis on fostering a supportive environment that encourages and promotes their overall health.

Encouraging a balanced and nutritious diet from an early age is essential for their sustained growth and overall development.

For further information, insights, tips, and valuable guidance on promoting healthy eating habits in young children, we recommend visiting:

[What to feed young children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk/what-to-feed-young-children)

Together, let's ensure our children embark on their journey with the best possible foundation for a happy and healthy future.



Diary Dates:

7th December 2023	Xmas Jumper Day
12 th December 2023	Nativity Play
19 th December 2023	Last Day of Term
4 th January 2024	Spring Term Starts
12 th - 16 th February 2023	Half Term
27 th March 2024	Last Day of Term
15 th April 2024	Summer Term Starts
6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday
(Closed)	
27 th - 31 st May 2024	Half Term
23 rd July 2024	Last Day of Term

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