

# February/March 2019

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a good half term break. We would like to say a warm to welcome all our new children and their families.

## September 2019 Booking Forms

The booking forms for September 2019 have been emailed out to all parents of our current children who will be staying with us in the next academic year and to those with siblings of children who currently attend and will be leaving for school in September. Please make sure that you return your forms by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March because from 5<sup>th</sup> April onwards booking forms will also be sent out to children on the waiting list. The booking information and form has been sent out electronically and can be returned to us this way but please make sure that you sign the form to show that you have read the booking terms. If you have not received your booking form or prefer a paper copy, please let us know.

## Term Dates

The term dates for the remainder of this academic year are attached below. Please note that this year, due to the way that the Early Years Funding Team has allocated the funding, the dates are a little bit different. The Spring term officially ends on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, but we are remaining open for one more term time week which falls into the Summer term (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April). The Easter Holiday then begins on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April for two weeks.

## Easter Holiday Club

I have now started to take bookings for the Easter Holiday Club; Holiday Club will be open for 9 days - from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please remember that older siblings (under age 8) are also welcome. If you would like to book any sessions, please complete a booking form by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**, a copy is attached to the bottom of this newsletter, and paper copies are also available at nursery. You may be able to book after this date but as the staffing arrangements will have been made, it will depend entirely on availability.

## Lost Property

We have again managed to accumulate several items of lost property which have yet to be claimed. Please look in the corner by the coat trolley for clothing and on the small table for food storage containers/drinks bottles and toys. Please note that unclaimed lost property is donated to charity once a term as we do not have the space to store items for longer. **Please remember to label your children's belongings so we can make sure forgotten items are returned to you.**

## Activities

We always welcome family members to join in with our activities and have been extremely lucky in the past with parents and grandparents coming in to join in the fun. If you are interested in coming in to play, please let us know as we would love to have you!

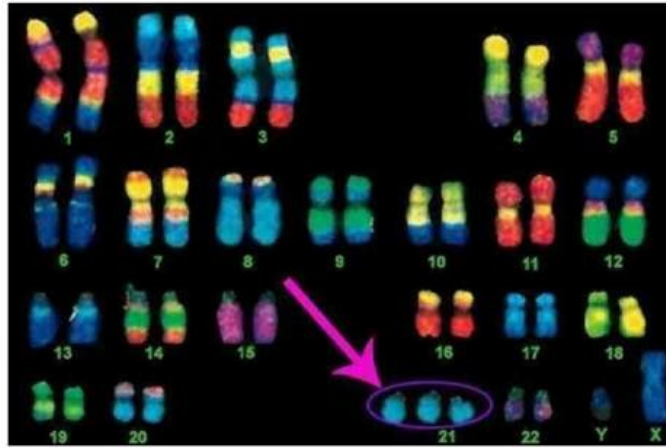
## Activities for this Half Term:

Alongside 'Learning in the Moment', which is our child-led curriculum, we will be offering opportunities for the children to join in some adult-led activities if they choose to. This half term we have decided to celebrate World Book Day on the week of 4<sup>th</sup> March (World Book Day is officially on 7<sup>th</sup> March) and our theme will be 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children can dress up as their favourite characters from books if they would like to, but please look out for more information in emails and posters nearer the time for more information.

We will be raising awareness during Down's Syndrome Awareness Week again and this year it is in the week of 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March. The #LotsOfSocks campaign is centered on the fact that chromosomes look like socks under the microscope. The idea is for us all to wear odd socks during that week to show that though socks, like people, may be different they can still be worn together if people accept and welcome the difference. We will be celebrating our differences and having some fun at the same time! Here are some links if you would like to find out some more about Down's Syndrome and the Down's Syndrome Awareness Week:

<https://worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks>

<https://www.ellenstumbo.com/31-facts-about-down-syndrome/>



WHY ODD SOCKS?

- UNDER A MICROSCOPE CHROMOSOMES LOOK LIKE SOCKS
- SOCKS MAY BE DIFFERENT BUT THEY ARE ALL SOCKS AND CAN BE WORN TOGETHER IF PEOPLE ACCEPT AND WELCOME THE DIFFERENCE

# Remaining Term Dates 2018-2019

## Spring Term 2019

Monday 25th February – 29th March 5 weeks

## Summer Term 2019

13 weeks 13 weeks

Monday 1st - 5th April 1 week

*Easter holiday club 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 15th 16th 17th 18th April 9 days*

*Easter bank holidays 19th and 22nd April*

*Tuesday 23rd April - 24th May 4 weeks 3 days*

(6th May bank holiday - closed)

27th - 31st May half term holiday club

3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 7 weeks 2 days

*summer holiday club Wednesday 24th July to either Thursday 5th or Monday 9th September*

# HOLIDAY CLUB – Easter 2019

Child(ren)'s name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**We can accept children from ages 2 – 8, so older siblings and their friends are also welcome**

Sessions required (please circle):

Monday	08/04	8.30-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-4.30
Tuesday	09/04	8.30-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-4.30
Wednesday	10/04	8.30-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-4.30
Thursday	11/04	8.30-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-4.30
Friday	12/04	8.30-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-4.30
Monday	15/04	8.30-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-4.30
Tuesday	16/04	8.30-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-4.30
Wednesday	17/04	8.30-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-4.30
Thursday	18/04	8.30-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-4.30
Friday		<b>CLOSED – GOOD FRIDAY</b>								

**Please return by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – confirmations and invoices will be sent out in the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Cancellations made after Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March are not refundable, however changes may be available so please ask.**

*Sessions are charged at £6.40 per hour*

***PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT***

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**Please use this space to let us know which toys or activities your child would like for Holiday Club so we can incorporate them in our planning:**