



Our February 2021 Newsletter



It is starting to feel like Spring with milder weather and the snowdrops/daffodils starting to flower in the garden.

We have had some lovely walks in the 'big' garden searching for signs of the Spring season.

During the last half term, the children have particularly enjoyed our snowy day and frosty mornings - we seized the moment to explore further, making 'small' snowballs with the limited snow or making 'crunchy' sounds as we walked on the frost.

It was a great opportunity to experience these conditions with the children whilst having lots of fun!

The previous term has been full of exciting activities, but the children have particularly enjoyed taking part in science experiments and learning about the solar system!

We have also been talking about 'Ourselves' including our families, emotions and keeping ourselves healthy.

Next term, we will be talking more about the change in the Season to Spring which will include lots of creative activities along with learning some new Spring songs.

Towards the end of the term, we will be also talking about Easter.

We will update you with any other topics either on the Parent Noticeboard in the foyer or on Tapestry.

You will see from Tapestry, we have recently introduced a special 'Book of the Week'. Our current children love looking at books and listening to stories, this was a great way to extend this interest further.

We hope to be able to include a link for the book on Tapestry so the story can be shared at home too.

As a result of lots of wet weather, the garden has recently been very muddy. Although, the children have had lots of fun with this, we are in the process of redesigning the garden to improve this for everyone. It will still include a 'mud area' but this is being moved to another part of the Nursery garden - I will keep you updated and hope to share some photos when complete!

Staff Update

Our new staff, Ellen and Steph are settling in well and it has been lovely to welcome them to the team.

We are pleased to announce that Hayley is expecting a baby in June - we are all very excited for her!

She will no longer be at the Nursery from mid-March and we are making plans for her key children to be reallocated to other staff members.

Parents Meeting

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you would like a meeting with your child's key worker or a member of staff, this can be arranged as a 'virtual' meeting or a phone call.

It is always lovely to catch with you to discuss your child's progress and development whilst at Nursery.

COVID Update

We continue to review and update our procedures in line with any government changes. One recent change is that should a child develop COVID symptoms and following a negative test, they are able to return to Nursery if they are feeling well and have not had a temperature for 48 hours.

As mentioned in a recent email, our nursery staff will be starting a programme of asymptomatic Covid-19 testing.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, testing will allow us to take further measures to help maintain as safe an environment as possible.

The staff will be conducting routine rapid tests on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, and reporting their results to Lisa.

We will **not** notify you if all results are negative but if a positive result comes through, we will email to let you know as we may be required to isolate while we await confirmation from a PCR test. **Please therefore check your emails on Monday and Thursday mornings.**

Coronavirus(Covid-19) Rapid Community testing is also available in the County for all key workers and those who cannot work from home; if you would like to find out more please visit the Cambridgeshire County Council site using this

link: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-community-testing>

Easter Holiday Club

The Easter holiday club forms were emailed to you all last week. We would like to bring it to your attention that although the deadline for the return of the form is not until Friday 5th March spaces are filling very quickly.

Best Wishes

Lisa, Hayley, Stefan, Charlie U., Tracy, Erika, Charlie W., Pippa, Ellen and Stephanie

Term Dates

Spring Term 2021

Monday 22nd February - Friday 26th March 2021

- *Easter Holiday Club* *29th 30th 31st March 1st April* *6th 7th 8th 9th April*

(Easter bank holidays - 2nd and 5th April)

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May 2021

(3rd May bank holiday - closed)

- *May Holiday Club - 31st May - 4th June 2020*

Monday 7th June - Monday 19th July 2021

- *Summer Holiday Club - Tuesday 20th July to Friday 3rd September 2021*

Autumn Term 2021 - Monday 6th September 2021