



Chichester
Nursery School

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Newsletters

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and Welcome/Welcome Back!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the families that are new to the Nursery School. We hope that your children settle quickly and you all feel very welcome in our school.

Please do share any worries or concerns you have at any time – we think this is a wonderful place for children to be, but we are always keen to build on what we already do. We look forward to getting to know all our parents and children individually.

We have a busy Spring Term ahead so please read on to see what we have planned and for some useful reminders.

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Staffing Updates

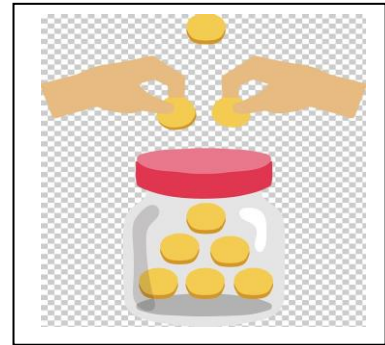
We are delighted to welcome two new faces to our Up to 3s' team. Claire May, an experienced Keyworker has joined us as Baby Room Lead and Nikki Goldsmith is our new Nursery Assistant.



We are currently recruiting for some new SEN Support Assistants and Lunchtime Assistants, so if you know anyone with relevant experience, please do point them in our direction!

Christmas Raffle

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated items and bought tickets/ encouraged friends and family to do the same for our Christmas Raffle. We were able to raise just over £350 which will go towards buying resources.



Christmas Thank yous

It seems a long time ago now, but thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas celebrations and to Summer and Molly's daddy Ben for bringing

his guitar along to our singalongs.

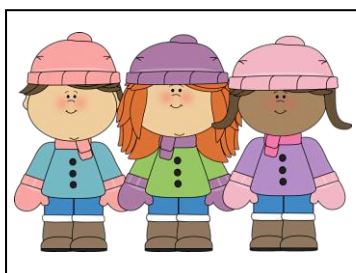
And more thank yous from all the staff for your generosity over the Christmas period and for the lovely cards and thoughtful gifts you bought for us as staff – we definitely got through the end of term fuelled by sugar...and even had some to kick-start our new term!

Clothing Bank

Are you needing to have a post-Christmas clear-out? We can help you! Our clothing bank, located on the roundabout in our car park takes donations of not only clothes, but shoes, towels, soft toys and more -



the more you donate, the more money we, and the charity receive



Nursery Clothing

Do remember to send your children in with warm jumpers and coats (preferably waterproof) and sturdy shoes for outdoor play, plus plenty of pairs of socks and trousers in this colder and wet weather. Also, please bring a pair of named wellies for your child to keep in their group welly box in the garden – splashing in the huge puddles we get in our garden is so much fun! If your child has a waterproof all-in-one that would be useful too – we do have some, but not enough for everyone and they are so helpful for keeping them warm, dry (and cleaner!) in the garden.

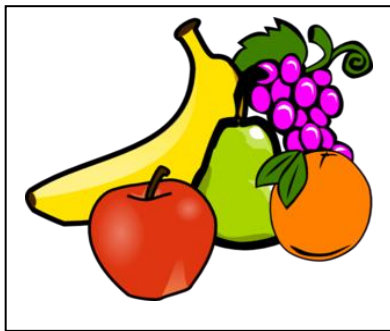
As much as we encourage children to look after their belongings and put them on their peg, in a big and busy Nursery things do go astray! It would help us enormously if you could label your child's clothing. You don't need to buy fancy labels – a permanent marker or biro works just as well!

Clothing 'Swap Shop'

We all know how quickly children grow (and grow out of their clothes and what an expense it is to keep up with the constant new clothes that are needed!) If you weren't already aware, to help with this, we have a clothing rail just above the sofa in our foyer area,



where you can donate or take clothes for your child as you need.



Fruit Donations

During the session at Nursery the children enjoy fruit, water and milk as snacks.

To help us to provide healthy snacks for the children we ask if families could donate **two** pieces of fruit per week. Thank you.

Bad Weather Announcements

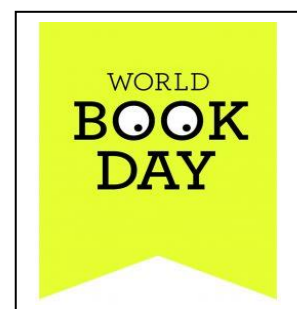
Although it is quite mild again at the moment, just in case we have any snowy weather, please be aware that in the event of



snow we will share any news about closure or partial closures on our Facebook page and will also attempt to email parents, where possible.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day in Nursery on **Wednesday 5th March**.



It's worth noting that at Nursery, we celebrate this a day earlier than the official day as Wednesday is the day that majority of our children are at Nursery.

It would be great if your child could choose their favourite story and come either dressed as a character from it or in their pyjamas ready to

snuggle up for a story (even better if they bring the book along with them too).

Please don't feel you have to go out and buy expensive costumes – adapting things that you already have is a good way to go!



Comic Relief

Not long after World Book Day comes Comic Relief. We will be marking this in Nursery on **Friday 21st March**. Children can wear something red plus bring a donation for the amazing work of Comic Relief!

Children's belongings

Please can we ask that you are mindful about what is in the bag that your child brings to Nursery each day. As we encourage the children to be independent where



possible, their bags are stored within their reach, so it is very important that food or medications are not kept in them. A snack that has been popped in for the walk home may be a favourite for your child but might cause a dangerous allergic reaction for someone else's.

It would also be a very big help to us if you could keep home toys at home. While we understand that the children like to have familiar things with them and to show them to their friends, but we get

very sad children when their favourite toy gets lost amongst all of our toys or when other children want to play with them too.

Core Books



Each month in Nursery School, we choose a classic children's story and revisit it lots of times throughout the month so that the children can get to know it really well. As you may have seen from the display in the foyer, this month's story is 'Walking in the Jungle' by Julie Lacombe. At home, your child might like to collect up their jungle animal toys and use them to tell you the story. Get ready for lots of animal noises!

February's core book will be 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt!' by Michael Rosen and in March we will be reading Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell.

A note from Ruth, Executive Headteacher:

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us in 'Singing Around the Christmas Tree' in the last week of term. Having everyone together, sharing in this wonderful family event felt really special and I hope you all enjoyed it too. A particular 'well done' to all the parents who got to grips with some of the Makaton signs – we were very impressed!

Ruth

Dates for your Diary

Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st February	NURSERY SCHOOL HALF TERM We are open for pre-booked Holiday Care
Mon 24 th February	INSET DAY – Nursery School & Up to 3s' Closed for Staff Training
Weds 5 th March	<u>World Book Day</u> Children dress up as their favourite book character and enjoy book-related fun in Nursery
Weds 12 th March	<u>Parent Consultation Evening</u> - Nursery School
Weds 19 th March	<u>Parent Consultation Evening</u> - Up to 3s'
Fri 21 st March	<u>Red Nose Day</u> Wear something red and bring a donation for the work of this wonderful charity!
Weds 26 th March	<u>Taster Evening 4pm – 5pm</u> for children starting in Nursery school after Easter
Weds 2 nd April	<u>Parent Consultation Evening</u> - Up to 3s'
Weds 2 nd April	<u>Easter Celebration Day</u> The children will be participating in lots of fun Easter activities
Mon 7 th April - Mon 21 st April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tues 22 nd April	Summer Term Begins
Mon 5 th May	<u>May Day Bank Holiday</u> – Nursery School & Up to 3s' Nursery closed
Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May	NURSERY SCHOOL HALF TERM We are open for pre-booked Holiday Care Tuesday – Friday as the Monday is a Bank Holiday
Tues 22 nd July	<u>Last day of the Summer Term & Leavers' Celebration</u> Nursery School finishes at 12 noon today (or 12:45pm for those who have lunch). Children who will be leaving us to go to school will have their Leavers' Celebration in the afternoon so can stay on into the afternoon (unless they are a morning child, in which case they will be invited back in the afternoon) when we will ask parents to join us for our final farewells. There will be more information about this nearer the time
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS STILL ONE MORE INSET DAY DATE TO BE CONFIRMED, WHICH WILL BE IN THE SUMMER TERM	