**Newsletter**

Monday 1st March 2021

Schools are due to open Monday 8th March and Pre-school anticipates that all children will be attending from this date.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and concerns.

**Testing for staff**

Pre-school are very, very pleased to confirm that we will be receiving "Lateral Flow Device" home testing kits to be able to test staff for Covid twice a week starting sometime this month.  This will help to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmissions.  The test kits are only for staff unfortunately - parents and children are to access testing via the existing test centres.

**Half Term Painting**

A huge thank you to all the staff for coming in during the half term holidays to dismantle, paint and put together the outside play house.  We have lot's of new accessories to play with in the house, a newly fitted front door and it looks amazing.

We have a brand new storage unit that will allow the children to choose what they want to play with outside.

We also have a wonderful new hedgehog house - we can't wait to see if any one moves in.

**3pm - end of session**

Can we please ask that children are collected promptly as 3pm.  We have a really strict enhanced cleaning regime, some of which cannot be started until all the children have left and staff cannot leave until all the cleaning has been completed.  Thank you.

**Change of clothes**

Originally we asked for change of clothes, nappies etc to be provided in a named carrier bag.  With all children returning to pre-school Monday 8th March onwards could we please now ask that the named carrier bag is swapped for a named rucksack or similar - something that zips closed to stop the contents falling out.  Thank you.

**Naming clothes**

Can we please ask again for all clothes and accessories to be clearly named.

**World Book Day - Thursday 4th March**

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day and we would like to celebrate at pre-school with the children dressing up at their favourite book character.

All children will be issued with a £1 book token to be used by 28th March - swap for a £1 book at participating stores (includes Sainsburys).  See here for lots more information <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/participating-stores/>

Swap your token for £1 off any book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more (at participating stores).

We can't wait to see all your fantastic outfits Thursday 4th March.

Staff at pre-school are passionate about reading and love a good story.  Check out this link for "top tips for reading to children" by author Neil Griffiths.  Its full of simple ideas to make reading and storytelling fun for both children and parents.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TC8c2se0xs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TC8c2se0xs%C2%A0);

Along with Penny's top 5 storytelling tips <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lUJhvMllnA&feature=youtu.be>

**Our Topic Term 4  - Teeth and Healthy Living**

We are starting to see the toothbrushing charts returned and certificates are being awarded - keep up the good work.

The children are getting lots of practice brushing teeth at pre-school - dollies large and small and even dinosaurs have had their teeth brushed shiny white. The children have really enjoyed practising the skills needed to carefully brush all teeth clean.

We have attached a "Food Fact Sheet" on vitamin D given to us during our recent oral hygiene training.  Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones, muscles and TEETH.

Please telephone or email pre-school  with any questions or concerns.

Thank you.