

Friday 26th February



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an action packed week at nursery and the children have been busy exploring and learning with their friends and nursery teachers.

Message from Principle – Bubble Mergers

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the government's announcement on Tuesday, schools will be opening for all children again on Monday 8th March 2021. I am sure this will be very welcome news to many of our families. This means that the nursery will no longer have access to the additional school rooms which have enabled us to have small consistent bubbles over the last few months. We will therefore have to return our children to their normal rooms and group sizes. This will be a staggered process. At the beginning of next week, I will write to you again with some more detailed information about how we will manage this return and how the new bubbles will work. Over the coming days, we will be reviewing our risk assessments in line with government guidance and work on preparations for returning the children to normal group sizes and how we intend to safely share the site with increased numbers of school children and staff.

Yours faithfully,



Jess Elliott
Nursery Principal





Holidays & Quarantine

If you are going on holiday or will be away, please be sure to let a member of staff in your child's room know or email Dawn. This is so we can ensure that we log it onto our system and do not disturb your holiday by phoning to query absence.

Please note the government is updating this list regularly, please do check regularly and inform the nursery if this affects you.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day. Next week we will all be talking about our favourite stories and reading some of our favourites during circle times. On Thursday we would like to invite children to dress up as their favourite book characters and bring in their books to read with their friends.

If you decide to dress up and bring in a story please ensure everything is labelled with your child's name.

Parents Meetings

We will be organising parent meetings on the week of the **8th March**. Although due to the current Government Guidance, these meetings will be adjusted to ensure everyone's safety.

You will be able to book in a phone call slot with your child's key person for a ten minutes discussion about your child's progress at nursery between 5:30pm – 6:00pm throughout the week, Pre-school 4 meetings will take place over 2 weeks.

New Arrivals

If you are expecting a new baby and plan for them to attend Little Learners please make sure you sign them up as soon as possible. We are experiencing a huge number of requests for places and our waiting list will have to close quite soon. We always priorities siblings if and where we can we can, however we need parents to plan ahead and sign little ones up as early as possible to secure a space in the desired room. If you are expecting we would like to say a big congratulations! We look forward to meeting your little ones soon.

If you have any questions please email Dawn.

What to do if you have symptoms...

We must remind everyone that if you or any member of your household exhibits Covid-19 symptoms you must **not** bring your child to nursery until the person or household have undergone a Covid test and received a negative result.

If you have children in multiple rooms/school they must also be kept at home until a negative test is received for the person/people who has symptoms.

If the Covid test result is positive you must all isolate for ten days and not leave your house. In the event of a positive case you must also notify the nursery senior team who will make a note of your positive result and take appropriate action if necessary.

We thank you all for your cooperation in these difficult times.

Drop off and collection

When dropping off or collecting children from the nursery gate you **MUST** wear a mask unless medically exempt. This is to ensure the safety of other parents, families and our staff team.



What we have been up to this week...

This week at nursery, all of our bubbles have been very busy playing and learning. Here are some of our favourite activities.

Bunnies

This week we have been looking at animals and where they live. The children have really enjoyed looking at different sensory play trays to represent animal homes such as jungles, farms and the ocean. We read animal themed stories such as 'Going on a Bear Hunt' and explored our story themed tuff tray with water, grass and ice.

Toddlers

This week we have been exploring natural resources. The children went on a natural walk to collect different natural items such as leaves, flowers, sticks and stones which they then used to mark make with. We really enjoyed flower printing and looking at all the different prints. We have also been using lady bird pictures to practice our counting using the dots to count.

Toddler +

In toddler plus we have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have used icing pens to decorate their own gingerbread people during the week, practicing their hand eye coordination whilst drawing. Using button stickers, the children had a go at counting buttons on the gingerbread man and got creative with gingerbread scented playdough.

Pre-school 4

The pre-school children have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man' we have explored gingerbread scented playdough and used cookie cutters to make our own gingerbread men playdough shapes. We explored free painting using kitchen utensils to make pictures and different shapes. The children enjoyed mark making on a large scale as a group.

Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school the children have been exploring different smells. We made different textured dough with a variety of scents to talk about the different smells and feeling. We spoke about which dough was best from mould, which was slippery and what one was our favourite. In our large water tray the children enjoyed catching and counting toy fish in a game of who could catch the most, using their count skills to tally their score.