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# Newsletter

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SPRING TERM 2016

## Morning School Themes

The weather this term has been wet and windy but in spite of this we have managed to be outside most days where the children have been able to explore their environment. Thank you for providing warm, waterproof coats and hoods so that this can be possible. Spring must be around the corner as the bulbs our children planted in the autumn are beginning to show.

Our main focus for the first part of the term has been on birds. The children have made bird cakes to hang in our garden and learnt about the variety of birds which come to feed on them. Thank you to Mia's uncle who has provided us with an album of the most beautiful bird photographs to help us identify different features. It has inspired some wonderful drawings and paintings. Our 'twitchers' have even been bird spotting from our hide with their home made 'binoculars'.

Our Foundation Stage children have started to look at a letter a week. They are learning the sound it makes, how to write it and identify it in print. We follow 'Read Write Inc' in line with other nursery and school settings.

After Half Term our focus moves



to traditional rhymes and stories. We will be learning some rhymes to recite together and invite any mothers or fathers, grannies or nannies to come and share a favourite story with your child's group. The children love it so do be tempted!

We will be using the story of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears in our drama sessions. The songs that accompany this story as well as those introduced in our music sessions with Mrs Horwood are on a CD for you with this newsletter. In this way you can feel fully involved in what is happening!

## Afternoon School

The numbers in our afternoon red groups are increasing as more children join us. All are now settled and forming good relationships with their peers and staff and enjoying busy afternoons. Our youngest children are in a very small group under the careful nurturing of Mrs Stevens and her assistant. We do believe that in these small groups the children get the individual support and attention they need at this important time. During the sessions the children have a balance of child initiated and teacher directed play including music and dance and lots of opportunities to explore our large garden.



# Diploma in Early Years Workforce level 3

Mrs Zoe Gillyett is continuing with her studies to gain this valuable qualification, working part time in the school and studying at Highlands. If you are interested in finding out more about this course do talk to Mrs Scarborough, who is our qualified 'in house' assessor. Interviews at Highlands for the Autumn intake will happen shortly.



## Road Safety

As always we are aware of and concerned about Road Safety outside the school. Please ensure that you park near to the white wall, hold your child's hand at all times, and drive cautiously and slowly in the area.

## Behaviour Policy

We continue to focus on good behaviour and encouraging all the children to say 'Good Morning' and 'Good Bye' at the start and end of each session. We are delighted to say that Acorn children are showing excellent manners in this area so please do not forget to support and remind them as they come into school.

## Mother/Granny Helpers

Thank you to those who are running our snack times, where we are endorsing good manners and healthy eating, and helping with our cookery sessions.



## Reminders

Please remember to put any gloves and hats (named) in the children's boxes and not on their pegs. Also if you are buying new shoes please consider how independently your child can manage changing them - (garden play/yoga) i.e. no laces or tight trainers.

## Re Registration

Thank you once again for the wonderful feedback we received via the parent's survey, which was part of our Re Registration. All the staff do really appreciate your views and are very grateful that you are so supportive and enthusiastic about all that we do and that we provide for your children.

# Dates for your diary

### Half Term

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

End of Term - Thursday 24th March 12.15pm

FULL YEAR DATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE  
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