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Newsletter

SPRING TERM 2021

Thank You

Thank you to all our parents, families and indeed staff for keeping Acorn and our children safe and in school. Adherence to isolating when required, spacing in the courtyard, wearing masks, arriving and collecting at allocated times and not coming into the building – all very alien to Acorn – has enabled us to keep open. Our

staff are being tested more than the statutory time frames by using a private service (at additional cost) as we feel this is a priority.

We look forward to a relaxation of the regulations and inviting you in to be a more integral part of your child's nursery life.



Themes

In the past we have used our newsletter to inform you of the themes, projects and activities we are following during the term. However as all our children now have a Tapestry Online Journal we use this portal to keep you involved. As before this is a two way communication tool and we ask that you share the posts with your child. This reinforces the fact that you value what they are learning in nursery and that we all work together. Thank you for your 'likes' and comments and your posts from home.

Later in the term our focus will move onto Traditional Rhymes and Stories where joining in with familiar refrains and reciting rhymes will be encouraged.

World Book Day is Thursday 4th March. Children are invited to come to nursery dressed as characters from books if they would like to, or perhaps just bring in a favourite book to share.



Afternoon School

A warm welcome to the new families who have joined us this term. The children have settled well under the experienced care of Mrs Sayers and her team and are developing interests in all our afternoon activities.

Music led by Mrs Risby in the afternoons and by Mrs Milner in the morning is always a highlight at Acorn. Could we encourage you to follow the links you have to the songs on our web site so that you can sing on your way to school?

<https://www.acornnurseryschool.com/spring-music-morning-school/>

<https://www.acornnurseryschool.com/afternoon-school-music-2021/>

Congratulations Mrs Pearce

who has completed her Diploma in Early Years Workforce level 3 and is now part of our team.

If you are interested in gaining this valuable qualification or the degree in childhood studies do please talk to Mrs King or Mrs Scarborough who are 'in house' assessors.

Winter weather

Warm, waterproof coats preferably with hoods are everyday essentials. Shoes that children can remove and put back on easily only please - no laces! Named hats to be kept in children's group box and gloves in pockets.

Registration

Or lists are almost full now for the next 2 years. If you have a sibling that you have not registered and would like to, or a friend who may be interested to know more about the school, please contact Mrs Scarborough.



Read, Write, Inc

This programme is now underway. Children are introduced to a letter in a fun way once a week. They practice making the sound and writing the letter correctly. Please don't worry if your child isn't particularly interested at this stage. Simply bringing attention to letters (particularly in their name) sows the seeds for later in their development.

Christmas Fund Raising

Thanks to several wonderful mothers who baked cakes for our Raffle, which together with an Acorn donation meant that we were able to send £2200 to Kivukoni School in Kenya. They were absolutely thrilled, so thank you.



Birthdays

If you would like to bring in a birthday cake may we ask for bite size sponge cakes without icing or shop bought madeleines. Alternatively you might consider the birthday child brings in a book for nursery instead of cake.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Our Foundation Stage children will be working in small groups on activities designed to encourage curiosity, problem solving and sharing of ideas. Mrs Quinn is leading this programme. During the first challenge the children will be making shakers to investigate materials and create different sounds. More exciting projects to come!

Dates for your diary

Half Term

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Summer Term 2021

Tuesday 20th April – Friday 9th July

Half Term

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June



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