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Newsletter

SPRING TERM 2022

Thank You

Thank you to all our parents and families for keeping our staff and children safe and in school. We are very appreciative of the support during what has been a challenging half of term.

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. Please see Open Music sessions below!



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 twoway 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 3rd 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.

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!

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, Mrs Cowsill and Miss Blair and are developing interests in all our afternoon activities.



Open Music

We are planning to hold Open Music sessions for you to view the magical lessons of Mrs Milner and Mrs Risby (maximum of 2 people per family to attend):

Thursday 31st March 2.00 – 2.20 Mrs Sayer's Afternoon Group
2.30 – 2.50 Mrs Cowsill's Afternoon Group
(Do attend even if it is not your afternoon)

Wednesday 30th March 10.30 Morning Yellow Group
11.00 Morning Blue Group

Thursday 31st March 10.30 Morning Green Group
11.00 Morning Red Group

Could we encourage you to follow the links 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/>

Read, Write, Inc

This programme is now underway. Children in Foundation Stage 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.

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.

Facebook

We would like to make children's faces on visible on our Acorn Nursery School Face Book Page. We will be forwarding paperwork on this shortly but in the meantime could I ask that if you **DO NOT** want your child's face to be visible, to inform us.

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.



Congratulations Mrs Goodyear

Mrs Goodyear has almost 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.



Christmas Fund Raising

Thanks to several wonderful mothers who baked Christmas cakes for our Raffle, which together with an Acorn donation for a link to the children singing meant that we were able to send £1000 to Kivukoni School in Kenya. They were absolutely thrilled, so thank you.

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.

You can register on our website www.acornnurseryschool.com

Dates for your diary

Half Term

Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February

End of term

Thursday 7th April 12.15 pm

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 26th April – Friday 8th July

Half Term - Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Further dates on our web site.



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