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Newsletter – February 2025



Now taking applications for September 2025

Term Dates

We will close for the half- term on Friday 14th February and return to school on Monday 24th February.

Dates for next half term:

5th / 12th March Forest School stay and play F1 (Butterflies) * 6th March – World Book Day 12th / 19th March - Parents' meetings 3.30-4.45.* 13th March Orchard area stay & play 2s (Caterpillars) * 18th March – Cooking with your child am / pm F1 (Butterflies) * 20th March – Playdough fun (Caterpillars) * 21st March Red Nose Day 4th April – Break up for Easter 22nd April – return to school for summer term

More information to follow about these events!



Fruit and snacks

Children are provided with a healthy snack at each session. This can be a selection of fruit, crackers, plain biscuits, cheese, breadsticks etc. and a drink of milk or water. Our aim is to promote healthy eating and take care of small teeth!

We ask for a small donation of £1 per week. Pay weekly or every half term via your child's class teacher or at the office.

Library books

Children's library day is every Wednesday – please remember your book bags!

Parents / carers feel free to borrow a book from our lending library at the front of nursery!



Every Day Counts

Every day in school can make a difference to a child's future, which is why regular and high attendance in at nursery is vital. If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the nursery school office before 9.00am on the first day of absence for am children, and before

Don't forget to sign up for Arbor and download the Arbor app – you can keep track of your child's attendance easily here!

12.30pm for pm children. Please

keep us updated!



World Book Day 2025

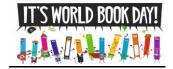
Thursday 6th March - each class will be focusing on a chosen book / theme for the day and children will take part in a range of exciting activities based on this book. All children will receive a £1 book token on the day which can be used to get a FREE World Book Day book or can be used towards the cost of a book or audiobook at your local bookseller.

Note: There is no expectation for children to dress up on the day.

Please remember that children will still need to access toileting / changing facilities and will also be going outside as usual!

Butterflies & Bumblebees – 'The Three Little Pigs'

Caterpillars – 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'





Red Nose Day

Nursery will once again be supporting Red Nose Day. This year children can dress in their own clothes on **Friday 21**st **March** – we ask for a suggested donation of £1. Please note that Red Noses may not suitable for your child and may pose a choking hazard – as such please do not send your child to nursery in an official red nose. A painted on red nose using face paint might be a great alternative!

Safeguarding

We work closely with Wirral Safeguarding Children's Partnership to support children and families. Please access their webpage for advice and support on a wealth of issues:

https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co .uk/parents-and-carers/

Paid/Extra Sessions

Please note that there are currently no extra sessions available for this academic year.

Spare clothes

It is vital that all children have a bag in school which contains a full set of spare clothes, for use in case of an accident (toileting or other). Children are accessing outdoor provision every day and despite our best efforts, sometimes get wet feet.

Polite Request

Please do not use phones on school grounds and be mindful of the language used around "little ears"







Why is good punctuality and attendance important?

Regular routines for young children enhance their sense of security and can also help to foster good habits for children's later life. Research shows that children with good attendance are at an advantage in later life and:

- find it easier to make and maintain friendships
- are more likely to gain good qualifications
- earn higher wages
- have a higher chance of being employed
- have higher self-esteem

Poor attendance and punctuality, even at the earliest age, can affect achievement in later life. Establishing good habits from the start helps children to settle more quickly into new settings and routines.

Strategies to encourage good attendance & punctuality:

- Have regular bedtime and morning routines
- Prepare for the morning routine by packing your child's bag the night before and setting out clothes
- Talk together about all the fun your child will have at nursery
- Arrange routine medical appointments, outings and holidays for times when your child does not attend nursery, wherever possible
- Talk to your child's key person if you have any concerns or anxieties
- Work with your child to develop healthy hygiene practices.

If you are facing difficulties getting your child to nursery, it is important to discuss this with us at your earliest opportunity – We are here to help!