

Summer Term Newsletter

April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin our summer term the children have settled back in quickly, confidently, with their great love for learning and continued to make great progress we are delighted see all of the children return with such energy and enthusiasm.

I would also like to thank the staff for all of their hard work over the last two terms. It has been a tough year for the staff due to several bereavements, illnesses and shielding. They have continued to work hard and show their commitment to the children. They really are a fantastic team and it is incredible to see everyone back this term.

This term we will continue with our arrangement of social distancing when entering and exiting the building and will continue to review our all of our practices.

Those of you who applied for Reception Class should have found out on Tuesday 19 April - we will be here if you need any help you might need. Please talk to your class team.

Hopefully as the warmer weather approaches, please remember to send your child in with: -

- A sun hat and wearing sunscreen.
- Please make sure their shoes are suitable for climbing too!
- Please label your child's clothes

Spare Clothes

Every child has been given a bag so that they have their own clothes when they need a change of clothes.

When dressing your child for nursery please remember that every day is filled with exploration which means lots of messy play. Nursery is fun and there is lots of play which involves paint, water and playdough. Please make sure their clothes are washable. The clothes your child wears must be easy to put on without help. This will develop your child's ability to become independent. Please make sure that the clothes are appropriate to the weather, label everything including all scarves gloves and hats. Don't forget footwear that will enable them to run and climb safely.

In case of spills, you child will be given a bag to place a change of clothes in. Please make sure this is regularly refilled. Please make sure the bag has:-

- Vest X3
- Underpants X3
- Socks X3
- T Shirt
- Trousers
- Jumper/Cardigan

Attendance and Punctuality

For your child to develop and continue to learn new things it is important for them to attend as regularly as possible. When your child is really unwell please telephone the office to let us know on the first day. If you forget you will get a call from the school to ask why your child is not in.

Government updates to Covid restrictions.

On the 1 April the government updated its next steps for living with Covid-19 guidance, with the current status of population being much stronger protected against CV19 than at any other point in the pandemic. The living with CV19 means that we must manage the virus like other respiratory infections, and for that reason regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any educational setting, including SEND. To coincide with these changes to restrictions the NHS have published the following:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>

The main changes are summarised below:

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home to avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they feel well enough to attend. For children and young people aged 18 and younger with a positive case should stay at home and avoid other people for 3 days.

Adults with symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell should try and stay at home to avoid contact with people until they feel better to resume their normal activities and that they no longer have a high temperature. Adults with a positive Covid-19 test result should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days.

Hatching Chicks

The children really enjoyed our Easter activities last term. We will continue the development of their knowledge of eggs through hatching chicks in the nursery. They will be delivered on Monday 9th May and remain with us for two weeks leaving on Friday 20th May so that children can observe their development and help to care for them.

Eid

We will have a party for the children on Thursday 5th May, children are welcome to wear their Eid clothes. If you would like to donate some money, we will buy the food.

School Library

Poppy - Monday
Sunflower - Tuesday
Bluebell - Thursday

Fruit

The school helps children to understand the importance of eating healthily. If children want a snack during the day we would like them to eat fruit or a healthy snack. If every child brings in one piece of fruit, rice cakes or bread sticks a week then we will have enough to share with everyone. Many thanks.

Stay and Play

This takes place on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2nd May	May Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 3rd May	INSET - School Closed
30th May- 3rd June	Half Term Holidays - School Closed
School Re-opens Monday 6th June see you all at 9:15am	

Wishing you all a good half term holiday.
Lynn and the staff at Columbia Market