

## February 2020

Welcome back after the half-term, we hope you enjoyed the brief rest! It is just a 6 week term before we have the Easter holidays and I am sure this will fly past very rapidly

I would like to thank many of you for returning your Questionnaires, we are beginning the process of analysing the results and identifying any improvements, we can make. We will share the results with you as soon as possible. Having briefly looked at the responses, I would like to thank you for many of the lovely comments you made regarding pre-school, we feel much appreciated!

As the half-term progresses we will be inviting in parents to come to talk about their occupations and have previously found these have been very rewarding for both children and parents alike! If you have an occupation that you think could interest the children and would be happy to chat for just 10-15 minutes along with any visuals, please let me know.

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, we have invited an author, Darron Rogers into Pre-school who will be giving an interactive reading of his book "Shout Out Boo2" at 2.30pm. If your child does not usually attend the Monday afternoon session, you and your child are welcome to come along and attend for the last half-hour of the session so you can enjoy this unique experience, please just let Heather know. You are able to order signed copies of his book via the separate order form sent out with the newsletter. Both this and his previous book "Shout out Boo" have had lots of really positive feedback from parents who have attended such readings at other schools and nurseries and we are sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy this.

The remaining term dates for 2019-2020 are as follows:

Term	Pre-school starts	Pre-school breaks up
Spring second half term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Summer first half term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Summer second half term	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July

**Please remember that May Day bank holiday has changed this year to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to tie in with the VE Celebrations.**

This term we say "Happy Birthday" to Sophie H, who turns 4 just before we return to Pre-school and Bobby who turns 3 and Rose who turns 4 during March.

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We are asking children to come to Pre-school dressed as their favourite character of a much loved story and to bring the book (if they have it!). We are asking for a £2 donation on the day that will go into our Fundraising pot for our outdoor area, which is in need of some love and attention after having been significantly impacted by the building work at school.

I am pleased to say that from previous fundraising, we have now purchased 2 tablets for the children to use in Pre-school and our very old computer has been finally retired. Some of you may have noticed at the end of last term that we had slightly rearranged the room, and this was in preparation for our Tablet & Quiet area, which will be present from Monday.

We have applied for and been successful in receiving a grant from the "Spar" on Long Lane. They will be coming out some time in March to work on our outside area and help restore it to its former glory but this will be an ongoing process for the remainder of the year, especially if the weather remains as inclement as it has been!

Our next fundraiser will be around Easter when we will be raffling our very popular hampers with an Easter theme. If you have any spare goods that you think would be suitable, I would be very grateful if you could bring them into Pre-school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Can I please remind you that if you have an outstanding fee from the Spring Term this needs to be paid by 20<sup>th</sup> March. We also keep the kitchen towelling industry going all by ourselves – so if you would like to kindly donate a roll to keep us going, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Although we never know what the weather will be doing, can I ask you to ensure that you send the children in with a coat regardless of the weather so that they are able to play out if they choose to.

Please also consider whether you would like to put your name down on our parents' rota to come and visit your child and learn a little bit about what they do in pre-school. You are welcome to just enjoy a brief visit or stay for the whole session.

Lastly, we will be sending home the children's learning journeys at the end of the full term, during the last week before the Easter holidays. Thank you for the many lovely comments made during the Mid-Year Questionnaire about the Learning Journeys, the staff work hard on these and it is good to know that you enjoy reading them so much. Please remember that these can be shared with any other setting your child may attend.

Many thanks,

Heather and Staff