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Newsletter February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back after the exciting Christmas break. The children that have moved up to the "big end" have done so with ease. We have also had quite a few new 2yr olds register and join us.

School Leavers

As soon as you hear which school your child has been accepted at, could you please let me know. This should be in March.

School Leavers Photograph

I will send this out as soon as I receive it, I will put on the notice board when your order needs to be in by, it's usually within the week.

Santa Run - Cash Giveaway

Penny and I went to receive a cheque from the Round Table after the nursery was

able to help them in December. This is when we go out with Santa collecting donations and delivering chocolates to the children. It's such a lovely, uplifting annual activity, and without the hard working men organising this so well, it wouldn't happen. We were overwhelmed to receive a £300.00 cheque



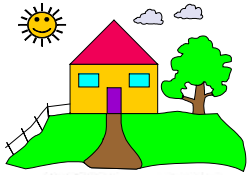
Plotting

Your child's key worker will be inviting you in to discuss their progress, whilst sharing some fun time with you and your child with a cooking or creative activity. We will try and get invites to you before we break up for Easter.

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Safeguarding

I sent out quite a bit on ICT / online safety last month, I hope you found it useful.

New FREE online guides for parents

Warwickshire Public Health have some online courses that you as a parent can access to build up your confidence. The three guides below are designed to support mums, dads and carers in developing positive relationships with their infants and children. In turn, this will help to strengthen emotional resilience and wellbeing, so infants and children are able to bounce back from life's various challenges

- . understanding your child
(for parents of 0 - 18yr olds)
- . understanding your baby
(newborn)
- . understanding your pregnancy

By the time children reach 14yrs of age, 50% of mental health problems are already established, so we know we need to act in

Warwickshire to help grow parents confidence, understanding and responsiveness to their children.

All the resources in the pack are printable and stored on

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/smartstar/getgetinvolved>.

Coughs, colds etc

We have been encouraging the children to use tissues, bin it and wash their hands, like wise using their hands when coughing then using the anti bac.

Ten Town Numbers

The children have been introduced to the Ten Town characters, each having a story and a song that accompanies the number. The children have been having lots of fun learning about the zero pond, King one, Tommy two, Thelma three, Freddie four, Fiona five, Seal six, Sir seven, Eric eight, Nina nine bows.

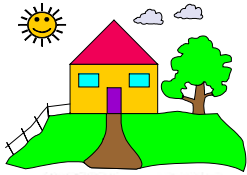
Jolly Phonics

Again a great resource, the children have been enjoying the songs and following the actions i.e. the letter A makes the sound

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"a" and the ants run up the arm.

Both Ten Town & Jolly Phonics can be found via their webpages if you want to find out more.

Speech & Language

I've been doing some work around prepositions with the children ie teddy on, under, behind, in front of the chair. You could do this at home when laying the table, bedtime routines or when out and about.

Pancake Race - down The High Street, Tuesday 13th February, starting at 12.30

We would like to be able for all our children to participate in this annual community event. Therefore can I please ask for parents to meet us at nursery at 12, to help walk the children to the High Street. We've always been lucky enough to get plenty of help, so fingers crossed we will again this year. If your child usually gets collected at 1pm then on our return the children will have their lunch and collection will be at 2pm. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Footie Bugs medals

Can you please return the footie bugs medals, the coach gives out two medals each week, these are to be returned the following week so that he can give to the next "super stars"

Valentines Disco - 16th February

All nursery children are invited, please note the change of time, it will now start at 4pm and finish at 5.30pm. The cost will be £2.50 per child, the children will have a little snack and drink during this time. It's children only, your time to go and have an hour or so to yourself, a quick bit of shopping, or just put your feet up and enjoy a cup of coffee. Please pay and let me know by Wednesday 14th February.

Chatters Matters week will take place in March, more details to follow.

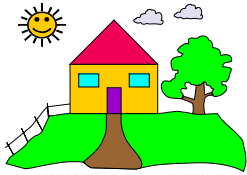
LOG on details - re portal for payments

If you would like to confirm your booked sessions, invoice details and payments, these may be accessed through a secure parent's portal. In order to access this please ask Rick or myself.

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Our January coffee morning was well attended.

We introduced our parents to the fun finger gym activities that the children can access.



Jess Quiney

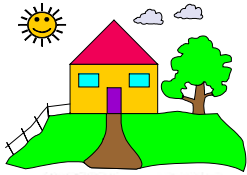
Finally Jess will be leaving us a couple of weeks prior to the Easter break (beginning of March) as she will be going on maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and look forward to seeing her following the birth of her new baby, as I'm sure she will be popping in to show the children her baby.

Claire Sturgess is to take on Jess's key

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children, she has been working with the children, and has a good understanding of them and has been working closely with Jess to set their next steps.

With Regards

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