

The Mulberry Bush Nursery

March 2018 Newsletter

Dear All

Welcome to our March 2018 newsletter. Please find detailed below lots of information about what we have been doing at Nursery recently and any upcoming events for your diaries.

Funding forms- Please collect your summer 2018 nursery grant forms from the office as soon as possible, we need them returned by Friday 16th March so funding can be issued to your April invoices.

Swipe Cards - Please can we remind parents to use their swipe cards as frequently as possible. Can we ask you NOT to hold the door open politely to let other visitors into the nursery. I am sure all parents understand the safeguarding procedure here and will not take offence that you have not held the door open for them or swiped them in as they have forgotten their card. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Change of Details - Please remember to inform us of any change to your personal details such as mobile phone numbers, home telephone numbers and your address, thank you.

Saturday Workshop – We will be holding an Easter crafts and Baking workshop on Saturday 24th March. A day for you to bring your child/ren of all ages to nursery and stay and take part in an assortment of crafts to create and some lovely cake decorating to take home. There will be a small charge of £3 per child to cover the cost of activities, if you would like to attend or would like more information please speak to a member of staff in the office.

Mother's Week - We are holding our Mothers week from Monday 5th March until Friday 16th March. All female relatives are welcome to visit the nursery for an hour to share some special moments with their child/relative in the nursery environment. If you have a special talent that you would like to share with the children such as playing an instrument, singing, dancing or baking then we would welcome you to share it with us, but if you would prefer to come along and join in our everyday activities then that would be fine too. If you are free and available to join us please speak to your child's key person to book a convenient session.

Facebook Page- You may already be aware but we do have a Mulberry Bush Nursery Facebook page, please have a look and share any comments or news you would like to share with us or other parents.

Fundraising events

We have decided to support 2 charities over the next few months, Sports Relief and Save the Children.

Sports relief - week of 19th March - During this week we will be doing lots of sports activities including obstacle courses, on the Monday 19th we would like you to join us dressing in sportswear and taking part in sports activities and on Wednesday 21st take part in some disco dancing. All we ask is a small donation for the charity.

Save the Children - Week of 30th April - Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle walk event - During this week we will be taking part in both full nursery walks and individual room walks down the farm and out and about the nursery. Along with holding a cake stall. (cake contributions are welcome please avoid nut recipes)
Small donations for the charity please.

Staff news - We would like to introduce 3 new members of staff joining the team Sue Rutherford, who joined the team as a part time member of staff in February, Sue will be initially working in all rooms. Sue has a level 5 childcare qualification and many years' experience working within nursery settings.

Kirsty Nash and Kirsty Collins both hold level 3 qualifications with have experience working within nursery settings. They will both be working part time initially within our baby room and covering in other rooms where necessary. Please be with us and welcoming them all to our team.

Room news

After School Club- After school club have been busy, a few children have been making objects out of the large straws a few of them have covered the straws in mud rock. These will be completed in the next few weeks by painting them. The Lego has been a real hit and they have been constructing and putting their creations in the cupboard so they can continue them the next time they are in. It has been really nice to see the children creating things which need a few weeks for them to complete.

They have been making Mother's Day cards and coming up with some lovely words to describe how they feel about their mum's.

We are going to do some cooking activities which I hope will get home before they decided to eat them.

February Half term was very busy and we welcomed some new faces and of course some old ones to. It was nice for them to meet up with some old friends again. The children used new skills of using a hammer and nails to create pictures which they then wrapped string and wool round to create colours in their pictures. Kite making was also a success and with trial and error some of the children's kite managed to fly a little.

We also enjoyed going to the Wolsey Theatre to watch A Tiger's Tail which to all our surprise was based on a true story.

We celebrated Chinese New Year with crafts and food tasting using chop sticks. The adults were surprised how good with practice the children were at using the chop sticks.

We have another fun packed Easter Holiday planned and hope to see some of the children back again.

Berries - This term in the Berries we have been very busy learning and exploring different topics. We enjoyed making owl cakes and handprint birds for RSVP bird week, please see our display in the art room.

Then we looked at different technology, we played games on the iPads and Laptop, we enjoyed using the remote control cars and bee bot and were fascinated on how they worked.

The children enjoyed making cards for Valentine's Day and cooked some yummy chocolate buns. We celebrated Chinese New Year the year of the dog by getting very creative making lanterns and Chinese dog pictures along with tasting some Chinese different foods.

We looked at trains, we liked playing some train games, making train tickets, some train wheel painting and made some yummy cheese and marmite wheels.

For world book week we had a tea-set picnic and made tiger masks for our theme of 'Tiger that came for Tea'.

The children loved the snow and enjoyed telling all about building snowmen and sledging. We will be busy over the next few weeks creating lovely Easter craft and learning about Hygiene.

Buds 2 - The Buds have had a very busy term taking part in lots of fun activities!! The children have loved exploring the snow over the last few weeks and enjoyed telling us all about their snow days, sledging and building snowmen. Buds have joined in with topics such as Colours, Bird Watch Week, Burns Night, Healthy Eating, Valentine's, Pancake Day, Chinese New Year, Mark making, World Book Day and Mother's Day! There has been fruit tasting, Chinese New Year food tasting and pancakes for snack over these weeks! The children were all so confident to try all the new flavours. The Buds have been making their Mother's Day cards and pictures this week, some of our older Buds have been talking about why they love their mummies.

Our next topics will be: Shapes, Dear Zoo, Easter, Spring & Growing, science week and Under The Sea.

Baby Buds - The babies have had a busy term, exploring many topics, we have enjoyed looking at we're going on a bear hunt book, the babies loved creating many different paintings for each section of the book, as well as creating our own bear feet printing using foam slippers, they walked along the backing paper to create lots of footprints. Following on from this we looked at dinosaurs, they loved getting messy in the dinosaur swamp, and making fossil dinosaurs with playdough to develop our fine motor skills, as well as creating our own handprint dinosaur pictures, that week we even learnt a new song about dinosaurs it has now become one of our favourites.

This term there has been a couple of celebrations such as Chinese New Year, and pancake day, the babies really enjoyed having pancakes for snack one morning, and for snack for Chinese New Year they tried different Chinese food, as well as making their own paper dragons, and exploring Chinese symbols, the activity they enjoyed a lot and sat for a long time was painting with chopsticks. Babies have also been looking at different textures, they loved the flip up texture board and texture painting, we also explored puffy painting, were we saw the paint puff up, they loved feeling their paintings once they were dry.

The babies have been keen to explore the outside play area, we suited and booted up with wellies and snow suits and we loved exploring the snow on the green, making lots of footprints and feeling how cold it was. We do ask though if parents could bring in wellies/shoes and thick coats while the weather is cold and wet, so all babies can fully enjoy outside play no matter what the weather.

Next term we look forward to getting crafty and making surprises for all our mummies, we will also be looking at over the rainbow, where we will explore all the different colours, as well as incorporating St. Patrick's day, Tuesday 13th March will be our Green day for this so if your baby has something green, please do wear it that day, we will of course also be doing many activities for Easter, such as Easter baskets, and cards, which will nicely lead on to spring activities, and concentrating on the book of the hungry caterpillar.

Term Time Only Children -Term Time only children will finish for the Easter Holidays on Thursday 29th March and will return to nursery on Monday 16th April 2018.

Dates for your Diary (also available on the website)

Event	Date
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Day
Monday 5 th March to Friday 16 th March 2018	Mother's Day Weeks
Tuesday 13 th March 2018	Dress in green for st Patrick's day.
W/c 19 th March 2018	Sports Relief Fun week
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Last day for TTO children
Friday 30 th March 2018	Good Friday Nursery closed
Monday 2 nd April 2018	Easter Monday
Tuesday 3 rd April to Friday 13 th April 2018	Holiday Club
Monday 16 th April 2018	TTO children return to Nursery
W/C 30 th April	Peppa Pig Puddle walk week in aid of Save the Children
Monday 7 th May 2018	Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed
Monday 28 th May 2018	Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed
W/C 28 th May 2018	Half term week