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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from the Head teacher

It has been a lovely term with some exciting visitors and celebration events. Thank you for your continued support. Don't forget to check out the photos in the gallery on the website.



We are currently advertising for new staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their understanding for any disruption whilst we undergo this process.

Our Learning

In Bumblebees class the children have been thinking about 'Getting dressed.' Children have been learning the names of clothes items, whilst washing clothes and hanging them out to dry, dressing babies and making hats. The children enjoyed listening to the key text 'Aliens love underpants.'



Dragonflies class have been learning about shape and pattern. The key text is 'Patterns.' Children have been making their own patterns on socks using stripes, spots or repeating patterns such as 'circle, triangle, circle' to develop their knowledge of Mathematical patterns. To develop fine motor skills children have been using shape cutters with play dough and to develop mark making skills children have been overwriting a variety of shapes and patterns.



Ladybirds class were learning about shape and pattern, developing their knowledge of Mathematical patterns. The children have been recognising shapes by completing a shape lotto game together. They have also made their own patterns using unifix bricks and sponges with paint. The key text was 'Little Bears Shapes.'



Caterpillars class were learning about transport and travel. The key texts were the 'Little Red Train' stories. Children have been developing Maths when sorting vehicles, working on fine motor skills by threading a variety of transport cards and using their imaginations when role playing in the hot air balloon!



Butterflies were also learning about transport and chose 'Busy Boats,' as the key text. They were using their imaginations when using small world vehicles and number recognition skills when parking cars in the car park. The children were also exploring floating and sinking with boats in the water tray.



Classes are now thinking about Easter. They are enjoying decorating eggs using a variety of collage materials, role playing spring lambs and Easter bunny with eggs and listening to Easter stories such as 'The Golden Egg' and 'If I were the Easter Bunny.'

Home Learning Challenge Reminder

Don't forget the home learning challenge this half term links to our early phonics and is all about listening to environmental sounds and then making sounds. Please see the attached homework challenge. Don't forget we love to celebrate learning at home so please share a photograph via the class email.



Recommended Reads & Library Books

The recommended reads this newsletter are 'The Very First Easter.' This is a simplified Bible telling of the Easter story, and 'Spot's First Easter,' where Spot goes on an Easter egg hunt.



If you haven't yet borrowed a book from the library or book castle, there is still time to do so, to be entered into the free prize draw!

Bookstart Books

We have signed up to the Bookstart book scheme. Every child will be given a bookstart book pack. These will be placed in your child's going home folder. Bookstart aims to encourage a love of books, stories and rhymes in children from as young an age as possible.



Staffing

Mrs Grantham will be officially leaving us on 3rd April. Mrs Grantham has a lovely calm manner and will be missed by staff and children alike. We wish her every success for the future.



Absence

Due to a change in Government absence reporting requirements, we are now required to know the reason why a child is absent so this can be accurately recorded. **Please could you ensure to let us know if your child will not be attending nursery.** Ways you can do this:

Call us on 01582 608650 Email us at office@westfieldnurseryschool.org

Let us know through the absence tab in Parentmail.

If we do not know why your child is not attending, we will be in touch with you.



Musician Visit

On Friday 10th March we hosted musician Eloise on site for a musical performance. Musician Eloise brought and played her Ukulele. She performed her own song to the children all about different sorts of lights. She then played some familiar songs for the children to join in. The children loved listening and singing along! We would like to thank musician Eloise for her time and performance.



Photographs can be seen in the library area when you visit to borrow a book or visit the larder.

Mother's Day Singing Event

On Friday 17th March we held two singing events for Mother's Day, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. What a shame the weather wasn't dry so we could sing outside, but we all squeezed in to Ladybirds! The children sang beautifully and really appreciated so many of their family members watching.



Mother's Day Cards

Thank you so much for purchasing Mother's Day cards. We raised £20.10. This money will be spent on key texts.



Easter Egg Raffle Reminder

Don't forget we would be delighted to accept any Easter Egg donations as part of our fund raising Easter Egg Raffle. Raffle tickets are on sale now £1 for 5 tickets! The raffle prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 29th March. All proceeds will go to buying new books. Tickets are available from the school office.



Easter Cards

Alongside the Easter raffle we have a number of Easter cards on sale for 50p each. Cards can be purchased from the school office.



Consultations

If you missed your consultation appointment for any reason, please speak to your child's class teacher to rearrange. Thank you.



Resources, Toys, Clothes and Fruit

Thank you once again for your generous donations of recycled materials, pre-loved toys, colouring books, exercise mats, clothes and fruit sent in to Nursery. These have been gratefully received.



Illness

Please do not bring your child to Nursery if they are not well enough. Please do not administer Calpol and send them in. **Please do not bring unwell siblings to Nursery events as this puts our children at risk.**



Clothing

-Please return all Nursery clothes

-Please ensure your child has a change of footwear if they come to Nursery in wellies



Health and Safety Please

-Do not use your mobile phone on site

-Do not bring dogs to Nursery

-Make sure you close the pedestrian gate and put the top latch over

-Do not drive into the car park in case there are any other families walking through

-Please walk down the pedestrian paths not through the car park



Home Fire Safety

A Home Fire Safety visit is open to anyone in the following groups:

- Over 65 years old
- Anyone of any age with a long term physical or mental health condition
- Anyone with sight or hearing impairment
- Anyone of any age with mobility difficulties (walking, sitting, climbing stairs)
- Families with children under 5

See contact details in the poster...



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in the home with a Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service

Home Fire Safety Visit

1 Are you or is someone you care about...
over 65? Or...live alone, have a disability, have adult social care needs, smoke or have a substance or alcohol dependency and/or live in a cluttered environment.

1 Book a free Home Fire Safety Visit today!
visit bedsfire.gov.uk/home-fire-safety-visit, or email homefiresafetyvisit@bedsfire.gov.uk, or call 0800 043 5042.

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Turn 2 Us

Turn to Us is a charity which aims for everyone to have financial security. There is lots of advice about specific circumstances- such as bringing up children and cost of living help. There is a benefits calculator so you can check you are claiming all you can be. See

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

'Too Good To Go: End Food Waste' App

Have you heard about the 'Too Good To Go: End Food Waste' App? You can pick up meals and ingredients from local stores, which would otherwise be discarded.

Keeping Your Child Safe

Every child will be bringing home a keeping your child safe notebook from Rospa. Each notebook shares ideas to avoid poisoning accidents happening in the home. Rospa aim to reduce accidents from happening. See more at

<https://www.rospa.com/>



Easter Holiday Ideas

Potato Easter Egg Printing

You will need:

- Potatoes
- Paper
- Paint
- Knife



Method:

1. Ask a grown up to carefully carve a pattern into the potato that has been cut in half.
2. Carefully paint the potato with paint
3. Print onto paper

This will help your child's fine motor and artistic skills.

Easter Egg Wreath

You will need:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Ribbon
- Glue



Method:

1. Cut a paper circle
2. Cut egg shapes
3. Decorate the eggs with patterns
4. Stick the eggs onto the circle
5. Add ribbon to hang the wreath

This will develop your child's fine motor, Maths and artistic skills.

Easter Egg Threading

You will need:

- Card
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Wool or ribbon
- Large sized blunt needle
- Tape



Method:

1. Cut a large egg shape out of card
2. Hole punch some holes into the cards
3. Thread wool or ribbon between the holes using the needle
4. Attach the ends of the wool/ string on the back using the tape

This will develop your child's fine motor skills.

Key Dates this Term

Wednesday 29th March. Easter Egg Raffle Draw/ Library Prize Draw

Thursday 30th March. Last day of Spring term

Friday 31st March. Nursery closed for pupils



2022-2023 School Holiday Dates

31.03.23-14.04.23 Easter Holiday School closed

01.05.23 Bank Holiday School closed

08.05.23 Nursery Closed for King's Coronation Bank Holiday

29.05.23-02.06.23 Half Term School closed

21.07.23 Last day of Summer Term

