

EYFS Newsletter

17th November 2022

We began the week with a 'Pyjama Day' to mark the beginning of the 'World Nursery Rhyme Week'. Many children also donned 'odd socks' to celebrate our individuality and diversity!

We took part in this initiative to promote the important role Nursery Rhymes play in early childhood development and education. As well as being fun, rhymes are excellent teaching tools which:

- Boost vocabulary and language development
- Help children develop literacy skills
- Provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills
- Help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills.

Throughout the week, we learned and enjoyed the five 'official' nursery rhymes for the week and engaged in a variety of activities related to each nursery rhyme. The staff and the children thoroughly enjoyed the whole week!

Monday – The Big Ship Sails

Tuesday – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, once I caught a fish alive

Wednesday – Five Little Speckled Frogs

Thursday – B.I.N.G.O.

Friday – Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

If you would like to know more about this initiative please visit the Nursery Rhyme Week Website <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>





NOTICES:

Start of the school day: This year we no longer need a 'staggered start' due to the pandemic and children start school at 8.45am.

The gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am. We are aware that many things can happen and occasionally, children may arrive after 8:50am so should access school via the Office. Late Acorns will be collected by a Nursery Team Member as soon as they are able to leave Nursery and children late for the 8.45am slot, may have to wait until the 9.00am children are collected, depending upon the availability of staff.

Equally, please ask a member of staff to escort you out, should you still be on-site after 8.50am, when the gates are locked.

As ever, thank you for your support!

Parent Consultations – If your child has their birthday in November or May, the class teacher will contact you to book a parent consultation on 23rd or 24th November.

Sickness – Recently we have had a few cases of sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please be aware that as per our school policy children need to be away from school 2 full days after the last episode of sickness/diarrhoea.

Spare clothes – Each child should have their own set of spare clothes (top, bottom, underwear and socks) labelled in school. Please label all clothes and shoes.

Snack – We offer a rolling snack cafe to Nursery and Reception children. This consists of fruit and water. Please do not send any additional snack in.

Milk – Children under 5 will be offered milk throughout the day. When your child turns 5 you can opt into the milk scheme. Please contact the school office.

Packed Lunches – Please be aware that we are a nut and sesame free school due to allergies. Please do not send any products containing sesame or nuts in your child's packed lunch.

Parent communication – Please remember if you have any questions or concerns you should first contact your child's class teacher followed by the EYFS leader. We are happy to discuss any questions that may arise regarding your child's learning.

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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