



February 2019

Newsletter

Chinese New Year

On Tuesday 5th February we will be celebrating Chinese New Year at the nursery. There will be a change of menu for the day which is as follows:

Snack: Spring rolls and fruit

Lunch: Sweet and sour chicken with rice and prawn crackers

Tea: Vegetable noodle stir fry

Please inform your child's key person or a member of staff in the room if your child has any dietary requirements.

Pancake Day

Tuesday 5th March we will be serving pancakes to the children with an assortment of toppings to celebrate shrove Tuesday.



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back and this year's event will be held during the week commencing **Monday 11th March**. Fancy dress themes are as followed:

- Monday: Crazy hair day
- Tuesday: Pyjama's
- Wednesday: Red noses
- Thursday: Free choice fancy dress
- Friday: Wear something red!

We will be holding a bake sale throughout the week, any donations are gratefully received for this good cause.

There will be a donation pot in the nursery foyer situated outside the office for all of your donations.

Parent's Evening

We will be holding our first Parent's Evening of the year on Monday 29th April from 6.30pm-8.00pm. Once again it will be a very informal evening where you will have the opportunity to see some of the activities that are on offer to your child at Nursery and chat with the staff in their rooms about your child's development.

For those who have children leaving us to go to 'big' school this summer you will have the opportunity to speak to Jenny Allen and Lisa Glenn from Havelock Infants school who will be in the Poppies and Willows rooms to answer any questions you may have.

School Admissions

Once you have received confirmation of the school your child will be attending in September please inform a member of staff in the Poppies or Willows room to allow us to initiate the transition process.

Photo Day

Tempest Photography will be joining us on Friday 8th March. This will be for the whole day and session times available will be displayed on the nursery notice board for all to see. If your child already attends on this day then they will automatically have their photo taken but feel free to bring in a change of clothes for them if you wish to do so.



Easter Holidays

The nursery will be closed from Friday 19th April to Monday 22nd April for Easter break. We will reopen as normal on Tuesday 23rd. The Willows will close on Friday 5th April and will return on Tuesday 23rd April also.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March please feel free to join us in celebrating World Book

Day by dressing up as your favourite book character and bringing in your favourite story book to share with your friends!

Best Wishes

Heidi from the Bluebells room is expecting her first baby in March. Heidi's last day at nursery will be Friday 1st March when she will commence her well earned rest before the baby arrives. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting their new addition to the family. We will keep you all informed of the news as soon as we know.

Keep Me Home If...



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When Your Child is Sick: 1. Have plans for back up child care. 2. Tell your caregiver what is wrong with your child, even if your child stays home.

Courtyard Plans

As you may be aware a new boundary fence has been put in place for the new courtyard area. Over the next few months there will be developments made to this area to enhance the outdoor play and vision for all children. We will do our utmost to keep the disruption levels to a minimum for everyone ensuring the children still have access to the farm park and other outdoor area's whilst this is taking place We thank you in advance for your cooperation whilst these improvements are taking place.

Cold Weather Spells

When driving on the premises of West Lodge can we please remind you to do so with great care. The speed limit is set at 10mph for the safety of the children and adults attending both the Nursery and the Farm Park and also to protect the wildlife that is present on the land.

Illness's

We would like to remind parents that we have a very strict 48hour rule for any illness's and prescribed medicines. If you are ever unsure whether to bring your child into nursery as they are unwell please call the office before hand on 01536 764868 for advice on the matter. Please note our incubation period for illness's form can be found on our website along with our medicine form if you would like to complete one prior to bringing your child into nursery, at the following address:

<http://www.westlodgeruralcentre.co.uk/nursery/>

Staffing Update

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the current and updated staffing structure within the nursery.

Nursery Manager- Sharon Block

Deputy Manager- Sharon Sawford

Pre-School Manager- Lucy Green

Buttercups- Jenni Lee, Catherine Bates

Snowdrops- Rebekah Rhodes (Senior), Julie Nicholls, Taylor Page, Lorna Mutebi, Jodie Burrells (apprentice), Jodie Goode.

Bluebells- Heidi Abrams-Male (Senior), Emily Woodbridge, Patricia Savage, Julie Hands, Sarah Stafford

Poppies- Lucy Green (Pre-School Manager), Ben Underwood, Georgia Laing (SENCO), Harriet Toynton.

Willows- Eva Northcott (Senior), Emma Leavis, Rebecca Milligan.

Bank staff- Helen Hoyes, Amanda Tibbits, Laura Scriven.

Kitchen- Jeanette Evans, Charlotte Finnegan