



Newsletter - Term 3a (29 April to 28 May 2021)

News / Fundraising

We have welcomed more of our children back following the lifting of the lockdown rules for schools - it's lovely to have full classes again. Our staff continue with their own learning journeys as Tina joins Nay and Becky working on a Forest school accreditation and Shelby embarks on a Sensory Processing Disorder awareness course. Judith, Jane and Kathy continue to attend virtual seminars and webinars of various kinds.

We extend a warm welcome to Collette and Sharon who are joining our team as bank staff. Collette is currently working towards her Level 3 qualification and Sharon has a degree in Early Years.

Congratulations to Nay, who recently achieved a distinction in her Introduction to Forest School Diploma - hopefully all the soggy toes, chilly noses, den building, snow angel making and camp fire cooking were worth it.

A reminder that we have outside collection containers to recycle pens and dental equipment (toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes etc) and that we are also a drop off point for Community Larder donations.

What we have been learning about

We have continued to look at feelings and emotions with our children using a variety of resources and techniques to help them make sense of what is happening in the world around them. We celebrated World Book day by being photographed reading with our favourite furry friends as well as exploring lots of stories together - both long term favourites and new adventures. Our forest school cohorts have had fantastic opportunities to experience a wide range of weather this term, snow, ice, rain, gales and perfect Spring days - all beautiful in different ways. The children have been contributing to the local community whilst out and about too - meeting Paul from the Parish Council when on one of their litter picking missions and planting potatoes and onions in the Community garden down on the allotments - these will go to the Crowland Larder and other deserving causes.

Our children have been continuing to prove their eco credentials recently, they demonstrated their knowledge of appropriate "rubbish" sorting on National Recycling Day, created a special bee friendly garden by repurposing one of our old sand pits as part of the International day of planting and made a miniature pond for frogspawn in our minibeast haven.

In Forest School they have been mastering the art of safe fire lighting, cooking delicious power pancakes and discovering the intriguing possibilities of mark making with the charcoal they've made.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

If your child has any of the symptoms below you need to book a test for them and the whole family need to self-isolate for 10 days or until you get a Negative test result.

- A **continuous cough** is classed as a coughing fit which has lasted one hour, or three coughing fits within a 24 hour period. Occasional coughs which accompany a blocked or runny nose, sore throat and sneezes are not classed as a continuous cough.
- A fever or raised temperature of 37.8c or above (not a short spike in temperature).
- A loss of taste or smell or a **CHANGE** in taste or smell.

Thank you

- A massive thank you to Jason of Jason Church Electrical who donated his time on a weekend to fit lighting via Richard Wesley of Switch Electrical Wholesale who kindly sponsored our new emergency lights - also to Judith and Shelby who came out on a Sunday to allow Jason access - much appreciation to you all.
- We sent out our own little thank you to our Preschool Mums for their continuing support and for - you've guessed it - being such great Mums - our gift included a poem, a candle, a teabag, chocolate and a key ring with their child's fingerprint. We hope you put your feet up for 5 minutes and enjoyed a brief rest ladies.
- To Merle from the Community Allotment who took our children under her wing and showed them what to do as they planted onions and potatoes that hopefully - will in time benefit the wider community in the form of tasty vegetables.
- To Carole Wright who provided us with a range of delicious Easter goodies to be raffled in order to raise funds for Preschool.
- Thanks to our local sponsors - Ultimate Reflections, Jackdaw Childcare & MP Auto Care.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April & May

Harry, Aaliyah & Sharon

Term 3a

19th April to 28th May

Term 3b

7th June to 21st July



If your child is feeling unwell, please do not bring them into pre-school. If too many of our staff get sick we will not be able to open as we will not have sufficient adults to maintain the necessary ratios.

Help your child at home

- Please help your child become an independent dresser, teach them to put their coats on, do buttons & zips up and put their shoes on.
- Look out for numbers and letters in the environment, children love to spot them and tell you what they are.
- Talk to your child about the seasons, how plants & animals grow, where certain food comes from etc
- Talk about their senses appropriately - taste, sight, hearing, touch & smell.
- Positional language in context - in, out, over, under, above, below etc.
- Remember to look on our windows, notice board and Facebook page for ideas, information & events.

GALLERY

