

SURBITON HILL NURSERY SCHOOL



Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Spring Recap

Welcome back. We are finally starting to see some signs of Spring! The children were very busy during the first half of the Spring term with lots of exciting events. We participated in the RSPB Big Bird Watch at the end of January. In February, we celebrated Pancake Day (including cooking pancakes on the campfire) and Lunar New Year. We also celebrated Heart Week and raised an amazing £242 through our cake sale. We are delighted to be able to donate £121 to Little Hearts Matter. Thank you for your support. At the beginning of March we celebrated World Book Day. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to read a story to the children. This was a huge success and something we would like to encourage and continue throughout the term. Please let the team know if you are interested in coming to read a story. Please check Tapestry for updates and photos of all of these events. There are also photos of on the TV screen in the main lobby.

We were previously selected for Tesco Stronger Starts and can now reveal that through this initiative, we will receive £500 from Tesco. Thank you to Ros for making this happen.

Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Hannah Tayler, our SENCO, will be having a baby in the Summer Term. Many congratulations to Hannah and her family.

Coming Up

We have parent consultations coming up from the week of 16th March. We have lots of Easter events planned, including a family event Easter trail at Fishponds, Easter songs, craft sessions and an Easter raffle just before the holiday. There is a list of upcoming dates at the end of this Newsletter and, as always, all events are posted on Tapestry so be sure to check on there.

Very best wishes,
Esther



Workshops

We will also be holding a 'Big Feelings' parent workshop at the nursery on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm. This is a very popular workshop which previous parents have found useful. An online link will be available for those not able to make it in person. Details to follow nearer the time.

Punctuality

We understand that it can sometimes be a challenge getting to school on time. However, this shouldn't be everyday. We have noticed an increase in late arrival times. Arriving late has an impact on your child, the other children and the class session.

Research shows that children thrive and make progress when they have consistent attendance and settle more quickly into the session when arriving on time. This is something that as a school we strive to support every family achieve. If your child is consistently struggling to come to school on time, please reach out to us so we can offer additional support.

Please notify school of any absence by 9am via the office phone or email.

Please also ensure prompt collection at the end of your child's session. The doors will be open at 11.25am and 3.25pm for a smooth transition. If you need to pick up earlier for an exceptional circumstance, please inform the office in advance. It can be disruptive for the children to leave in the middle of a session.



NATURAL THINKERS

We are now a lead setting for the Natural Thinkers Programme. Through this programme we follow 10 commitments where we plan for opportunities for children to connect to nature. This term we have been thinking about the following Natural Thinkers Commitments:

Thinkers Commitments:

- Children have opportunities to grow, pick and eat produce

We have been enjoying the lovely blooms from our efforts of bulb planting in the Autumn - please do look out for the lovely colours appearing out the front.

- Children care for the environment

Children have been taking part in our 'Watering Wednesdays' and learning not to pick the flowers so we can all enjoy them.

- Children have opportunities to engage with wildlife

Children had a lovely time watching the birds and making bird feeders during the RSPB Garden Bird Watch. In the Summer term we are looking forward to a visit from the farm, giving children the opportunity to connect with animals.

Dates for the Diary

Week of 16 th March	Parent consultations
Saturday 21 st March	Family Easter Trail at Fishponds - Ilam
Tuesday 24 th March	Easter Songs - The Den AM
Tuesday 24 th March	Bees Easter craft session - 3.45pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter raffle
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Songs - The Den PM
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term
Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April	Easter Break
Monday 13 th April	First day of Summer term



Clothing - sun safety

As the weather improves, we will continue to access the garden every day. Please could you dress your child in appropriate clothing for the warmer weather so they can safely access the outside space. Clothing should be comfortable, lightweight, loose fitting with shoulders covered.

Closed toe shoes should be worn and please provide a sunhat. Sunglasses are optional. Children are encouraged to look after their personal belongings, but clothes that children take off are easily mislaid. It would help if you could name clothes that children take off in school. We put any unnamed items that we find in the lost property basket by the office.

Label, label, label

mynametags.com do customised name stickers and are a good option. Many other options are available. Alternatively, writing their name with a Sharpie inside the clothing/on the clothes label works equally well.



After the Easter Holidays you will be hearing from the Local Authority about a school place if your child is due to start primary school in September. Esther will be running a workshop on 'Transition to Primary School' after the Easter Holidays - date to be confirmed. We will also be sending out a google form to find out which school your child has a place at so we can help facilitate the transition.

We will be running a holiday club during the Easter Holidays for all year round children. Where space allows, we will open up places to other children. Details will be sent out shortly. Please enquire at the office if you would be interested