



### News from the Rooms

**Babies and Minis** – Babies have welcomed lots of new starters who are all settling in well. We have created a “Five Little Ducks” display in our room, inspired by the children’s love of nursery rhymes of puppets. We have also been introducing our babies to new taste experiences through a food tasting activity. This involved foods that were sweet, sour, juicy and slightly spicy! We also enjoyed tasting soda bread whilst listening to some Irish folk music to celebrate St Patrick’s Day.

The babies have been enjoying the music and drama sessions that Mrs Fran has been doing with us. ‘Prepdrops’ sessions involve the use of lots of musical instruments and Miss Sarah on her keyboard.

Minis have been really enjoying celebrating all the Festivities including Chinese New Year, Valentine’s Day, Pancake day. We have now finished our ‘Under the Sea’ display which the children have also enjoyed doing. We are having themed tuff spot activities.

A polite reminder from both rooms, please could you make sure that each child has their own bedding which can be taken home to be washed each week.

We also welcome donations of spare clothing and politely request that any of our spares are returned to us as our supplies are very limited. Please do ensure that your child has a complete spare set of clothing in their nursery bag. Thank you.

### Explorers

Explorers have welcomed some new children who have all settled in really well. We have been looking at aspects of winter including how we dress, the birds and animals and the weather. We have been enjoying playing with ice and doing ice experiments. We have also enjoyed the Chinese New Year activities...we have read the story of ‘The Great Race’ which tells the story of how each new year was named after an animal. We also turned our home corner into a Chinese Restaurant which has produced some lovely role-play. We will be moving onto spring activities and mini beasts in the next few weeks.

**Pre-school** – A very warm welcome to our new children who have all settled into the Pre-school family really well. We are creating a lovely display based on “People who Help” including a rainbow for our NHS heroes, featuring a special star for Captain Tom as requested by one of the children.

We have enjoyed celebrating St Valentine’s Day, St David’s Day, Mother’s Day, St Patrick’s Day and Red Nose Day, and we are now busy getting ready for the Easter bunny!! We have also been doing lots of science experiments using various mediums which the children have loved. We have also been using our busy brains to continue learning letter sounds, colours and shapes.

Please could we ask that all children bring in a bag to nursery so that they may take home their artwork, any letters etc.

Could we remind parents of children who attend Forest School that they need appropriate seasonal clothing and layers for cooler days. This does include waterproof coat, trousers and wellies. Many thanks for all your support.

### Dates for your Diary:

2<sup>nd</sup> April – Good Friday  
(Nursery Closed)

5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter

Monday (Nursery  
Closed)

6th-16th April – Easter  
Holidays

3<sup>rd</sup> May – May Bank

Holiday (Nursery Closed)

31<sup>st</sup> May – Spring Bank

Holiday (Nursery Closed)

31<sup>st</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> June – Half  
Term break

### Upcoming Festivals & Events

4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

23<sup>rd</sup> April – St. George’s Day

**REMINDER – DUE TO  
COVID RISK  
ASSESSMENTS IN PLACE,  
MORNING DROP OFF  
MUST NOT TAKE PLACE  
BETWEEN 8.20-8.40 AND  
PICK UPS MUST NOT  
TAKE PLACE BETWEEN  
3.25-3.45.  
SHORT DAYS ARE EITHER  
8.15-3 or 9-3.45.  
WE ARE SO GRATEFUL  
FOR YOU COOPERATION**

Thank you to everyone for their perseverance and support during the pandemic. This has been a challenging time for all and we have all had to adapt in many ways. Safety and wellbeing for all remains paramount. Staff are undertaking regular lateral flow tests to further safeguard everyone within the buildings. We shall continue to work in our bubbles for the foreseeable, which so far has worked very successfully. We look forward to a time when we can hopefully return to more normal times and resume special events once more. Stay safe and well xx