

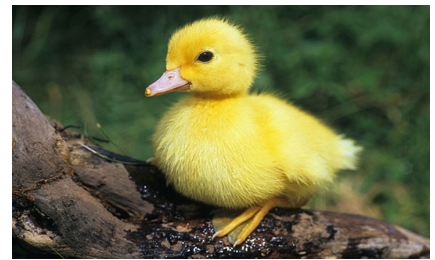
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SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applying to school has now passed. If you applied for your school place on line you should receive an email on the evening of Monday 16th April to let you know which school your child has been allocated a Reception class place. We hope very much that you all get the places you want.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF NURSERY CLOSURE - POLLING DAY

The nursery building will be used as a polling station on Thursday 3rd May and there will be no nursery sessions that day. We are sorry for any inconvenience but trust this is sufficient notice for you to make alternative arrangements for that day.

WINTER WEATHER

Please remember that we use the outdoor area whatever the weather. Please ensure your children are adequately dressed to enjoy all that the winter brings. Hats, scarves and gloves should all be named.

Please also ensure your child can put on their shoes themselves. Some of the latest styles are very fashionable but extremely difficult for your child to get on and off and sometimes the nursery staff struggle with them too.

HOME LEARNING

Thank you to all those parents that regularly engage in home learning activities. These activities are designed to be short and practical, making use of items that can be found at home and where possible can fit into your daily routine.

Over time we notice that children who engage in learning at home are the same children that make the most progress over the year. Please ensure you return your WOW stars to show you have engaged in the activities as these are added to their learning journeys.

The children will get a special stamp in their sticker book for each home learning activity they have tried.

STAY AND PLAY

We will be holding a stay and play session on Thursday 8th February. This will be from 8.50a.m. – 9.20a.m. for the morning children's parents and from 2.45p.m. – 3.15p.m. for the afternoon children's parents. If your child attends all day you can come to either or both sessions. The focus will be speaking and listening.

LUNCH TIMES

Please remember that if your child attends nursery over lunch club that they should not have nuts, fizzy drinks, sweets, chocolate or crisps.

A drink should be provided in their lunch box in a named bottle.

CHALLENGES

You may have noticed the 'Challenge accepted' boards up in the nursery. The children are encouraged to carry out a challenge during the nursery session for which they are awarded a star. This star is exchanged for a sticker that goes in their sticker book. The children are quite motivated to do these challenges which encourage them to practice skills in different activities, work independently and take responsibility for their learning. They also encourage them to try a wider range of activities.

Targets

Please take some time to read the targets your children have come up with. These are displayed on the windows around the room. If you have not brought in the targets that you as parents would like your children to work on please do so as soon as possible. We will be incorporating your targets and those from the children into our weekly planning.

We will have the opportunity to review these targets with you at parents evening next half term.