

March 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring has officially began and in current circumstance it is especially welcome. It is good to see the bulbs and flowers beginning to shoot from the ground, new beginnings.....

I am sure you are all aware of our Road Map to ease our way out of Lockdown. Schools are now set to return on the 8th and more restrictions being lifted on the 12th April, things will feel a little easier. We should not wish time away but “roll on” 21st June. We live in hope, that our Covid-19 Operation procedures, will be no more for the new academic year.

Norfolk County Council (NCC) has now organised for us to be provided with Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing kits. Testing is to take place here at the setting and to be carried out twice a week, for all team members. As soon as these arrive we will start the operation.

Unfortunately, next month, fees will rise. The National Living Wage is rising by 2.2%. NCC plan to give us an additional 6p, this year. We are still ridiculously underfunded!! The fees will rise by 2%. The meals will rise by 5p, lunch will be £2.35. We are all aware our supermarket shop has risen over the last year. The food the children are served, is exceptional quality.

Rob is preparing our Spring/Summer menu and it will commence after Easter half term. If any of you have any seasonal family tried and tested recipes you would like us to try, please let us know, and we could add them to the menu.

Educational Funding forms will be handed out this month for the summer term claim period. Please complete and hand back as soon as possible. I will distribute as soon as I receive the information. For families that are eligible for 30 hours, please remember to revalidate your eligibility.

Planning

We are continuing the spring term with the theme of Recycling and the sub-heading is- 'What can we do'?

The early learning goals and prime areas being covered are-

w/c 1st – Reading, St David's Day and World Book Day

w/c 8th – The World

w/c 15th – Being Imaginative and St Patrick's Day

w/c 22nd – Listening and Attention/Understanding.

Book of the Month

This month we are focusing on the book, 'Monkey Puzzle'. It is a lovely story, which has various props the children can use. In a week or so ask your child about monkey and what animals he meets. This questioning, supports the children's recall skills and gives a link to setting and home.

Song of the Month

The song this month is '5 Little Speckled Frogs'. The song develops mathematical skills along with physical. This is a super song!

