

# The Oak Tree Pre-School Newsletter

January 2019



## Happy New Year!!

Welcome to the January newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year and we hope you have had a lovely Christmas.

## New Toddlers

We would like to welcome our new friends Linda, Samuel, Mizuki and Georgina to our Toddler room

## New Pre-schoolers

We would like to welcome our new friends Lemuel, Thomas and Riko to Pre-School.



## In January, Pre-School and Toddlers will both be exploring the topic 'All about me'.

All parents are asked to bring in a family photograph that we can display on our My Family display in the classrooms.

It is important that all children are included, the photo can be of you and your family on holiday at a wedding or a good new-fashioned family selfie!

## Introducing new bags

We will be introducing book bags to the Pre-School children. We realise with the ever-ending amount of art work and creations that make their way home daily that it would be easier to store these items all in one place. This will be easier for children to bring in show and tell items from home, the bags will replace the children's going home boxes.

Bags will be free to our current Pre-School children and we would ask that these bags are brought in to nursery every day.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## JANUARY

### **Monday 7th January - National Bird Day**

The children will be learning and talking about different types of birds.

### **Tuesday 15th January - National Hat Day**

The children will have a fun day making their own hat creations to take home.

## FEBRUARY

### **Tuesday 5th February – Chinese New Year**

Kung Hei Fat Choi! The year of the pig, the children will be enjoying different activities making lanterns and dragons and there will be lots of dancing. We will be inviting one of our Chinese parents to talk to the children about Chinese New Year and they will also be enjoying a delicious traditional meal cooked by our chef Jordan.

Both rooms will be food tasting Chinese dishes whilst sitting on the floor and exploring eating with our fingers and chop sticks! Pre-School will also be visiting the local Chinese restaurant.

### **Thursday 14th February – Valentines Day/Coffee Morning**

We are inviting the children to dress in red or pink for the day. We will be celebrating this day by having a Coffee Morning and the children will be having fun making biscuits and cakes. Pre-school will be sharing the love by taking a walk out in the local community and giving out biscuits to people we know.

### **Monday 18th February – International random acts of kindness day**

Throughout the day the children will be taking part in little tasks and activities to make their friends and families happy.



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## MARCH

### **Tuesday 5th March - Pancake Day**

The children will be enjoying making some sweet and savory pancakes for tea, whilst exploring different toppings with our chef.

### **Thursday 7th March – World Book Day**

We will be celebrating all of our favourite books and enjoying a fancy dress day. Children are invited to come to nursery dressed as their favourite character and bring their favourite book to nursery.

### **Thursday 14th March – Red Nose Day**

It is that time of the year where we will be wearing our red noses to raise money for Comic Relief. This year we will be having a pyjama day and inviting all of the children to wear their pyjamas to nursery.

### **Wednesday 27th March – Mother's Day Breakfast**

We are inviting all of our lovely mummies to join us for breakfast. If you cannot stay you can grab and go. There will be some muffins/croissants, a hot drink and some special surprises.

## APRIL

### **Thursday 18th April – Easter Party**

The children will be taking part in lots of fun activities including an Easter egg hunt and there will be a competition for the best Easter bonnet.

### **Tuesday 23rd April – St George's Day**

The children will be getting very creative celebrating St Georges Day by creating British Flags and dragons.

### **Monday 29th April – International Dance Day**

We will be celebrating all types of traditional dancing from different cultures with our friends. Which is your favourite dance?



A photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, looking at books in a library. The boy is pointing at a book titled 'Looking After Little Ellie' which features an elephant on the cover. Other books visible include 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'Lucy Kangaroo'.

# OTHER NEWS

## **Pre-School Room.**

Clare will be taking over Joanna's role, alongside Hannah, with regard to planning and learning experiences for the Pre-School children. Clare will also be working in the classroom two days a week.

We are very excited to announce we have a fabulous new member of staff Nicole, starting in the Pre-School room from the beginning of February, we look forward to you and the children meeting her.

## **Music sessions**

We are very excited to welcome Shaun to the Oak Tree team. Shaun is from Jumping Beans and will be taking the children for music sessions each week on a Wednesday morning. This will not incur an extra fee!

## **Cookery club!**

Jordan is proving a huge hit with the children especially Pre-School. He made bread rolls in the classroom last week and will be cooking with the children on a weekly basis, each week he will cook or bake on a different day to ensure all children get an opportunity to cook.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

*Clare and the Oak Tree Team*

