



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends. We've been hearing it all about it from the children, they've been keen to tell us about the gifts they received, who they saw and where they went. It has been lovely to see friends reunited and new friendships grow.

School Applications

If your child was born between:
1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019
You need to apply for a Primary School
place by **15 January 2023**.
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Photos



If you haven't already, please send in a **family photo and a baby photo**. We display the family photos and the children loved to look at them through the morning. We put the baby photos in a little album and the children find it fun to guess who the baby is.

Reminders

- PLEASE PLEASE name everything. Especially wellies, lunch boxes and water bottles.
- NO NUTS in packed lunch boxes (including nut cereal bars, peanut butter, Nutella and pesto)
- CUT UP grapes, olives and blueberries.
- CUT sausages length ways not into circles. (Choking hazard)
- NO Parents into the cloakroom
- Queue up for collection
- Encourage your children to be independent putting their belongings into the baskets in the morning
- Text/Call/Email by 9:30am if your child will be absent from preschool

Invoices

Friday 13th January is the final date for invoices to be paid.

National Storytelling Week

30th January -6th February

To celebrate how wonderful stories are for developing children's vocabulary and imaginations, we would love to invite parents into read their favourite children's book to a small group. Please let us know if you can and we'll book in a day and time.



Dates to Remember

Spring Term

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February
Half Term - Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February
Monday 20th February - Friday 31st March

January

30th-6th: National Storytelling Week (Parents to read)

February

Friday 3rd: NSPCC Number Day (Wear a number)

March

Wednesday 1st: St David's day

Thursday 2nd: World Book Day (Dress Up)

Monday 13th: British Science Week

Friday 17th: St Patrick's Day

Friday 17th: Red Nose Day (CRAZY HAIR DAY!)

Monday 20th: World Oral Health Day

Tuesday 21st: Pancake Day

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Our Value for the Month is:

Independence

One of the most important skills we focus on at Flying Start is Independence. It is one of our 5 Curriculum Goals. We start teaching it as soon as the children walk into the cloakroom. Instead of rushing them to take off their coats and find their pegs, we give them TIME and plenty of positive encouragement. When the children are transitioning to and from outside, they are encouraged to be independent.

Please support your child at home to independently put their coat and shoes on and off.