

Dear Parents/Carers,
Happy St. Patricks Day!



Well done to all the children and staff who came to preschool today with some awesome CRAZY hairstyles. What a fun way to mark Red Nose Day 2023. Thank for all your generous donation.

This week has been National Science Week, so we have been doing lots of predicting, experimenting and testing. The children loved our Dancing Raisin experiment as they observed the raisins jumping up and down, fizzing and bubbling. They enjoyed adding vinegar to sand volcanoes to make the baking soda fizz and erupt. Using salt and massive icebergs, the children explored what happens to the ice when it reacts with the salt. We all got very messy on Wednesday, when the children investigated cornflour and water. Some of the children spent ages rubbing the mixture between their hands, scooping it up and watching it slowly drip. It's a wonderful activity to show a mixture turn back and forth between a liquid and a solid. The children have been using wonderful questioning this week and learnt lots of new descriptive vocabulary.

Our song of the week: Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Turnaround.

Makaton of the week: To think [Video](#)

Happy Mother's Day



We hope all the mummies and special ladies have a wonderful weekend. The children have been working hard to prepare your cards and gifts, we hope you like them.

Living Eggs

Our Chicks arrive on Monday morning. They will take a few days to hatch – we're all very excited!



Please can we have donations of old Newspapers.



Later Finish

Thank you for all your feedback. We have decided to finish at the later time of **2:30pm** from the Summer Term.

Monday 17th April – Thursday 20th July

As this will be 5.5hrs a day, it will mean some families will have to pay our full rate over their 15 hours.

Tax Free Childcare

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

Follow the link to check your eligibility:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

You can set up an account online, transfer money into the account, the government will top it up and then you can pay your nursery fees through the account. Lots of you already pay using your Tax Free account, but there are lots of you who don't take advantage. You may be registered through a different Tax-Free Voucher scheme which is through your employer.

Set up an account here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare>

Dates to Remember

Spring Term

Monday 20th February - Friday 31st March
March

Monday 20th: World Oral Health Day

Monday 20th – Friday 31st March – Chicken Eggs!!

Friday 24th – Primary Moves Dance Workshop

Tuesday 28th – Little All Sports

Wednesday 29th – Rev Anne visit

Friday 31st – Last Day Of The Term

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