

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children have been learning about night/dark and light/day. The children have made their own bedtime books, painted inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's 'The Starry Night', made rockets and used musical instruments to accompany lullabies.

Even though it's rained a lot this week, we have got messy and muddy in the garden. Please can you ensure your child has a warm and waterproof coat, as well as named wellies. The children love playing in our Sensory Garden, but it is very muddy and the children need to wear wellies. At home, keep practising taking off and putting on shoes and coats.

We would like to offer our deepest condolences to Georgia, who's father very sadly passed away this week after being in hospital for several weeks. Georgia has been taking time off to visit the hospital and will now be taking some time with her family to grieve.



**Invoices**

**TODAY is the final date for invoices to be paid.**

**Items in your child's bag:**

Please avoid putting anything other than what your child needs for preschool in their bag. If for some reason there is food, electrical items or even medicine in their bag, please notify a member of staff as we will keep it out of reach of the other children.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>: St David's day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>: World Book Day (Dress Up)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>: British Science Week

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: St Patrick's Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: 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**

We believe that independence is a vitally important learning skill, because it provides children with the ability to make the most of the opportunities they are provided with and access their learning in the most appropriate way for them.

While at Flying Start, our children learn to self-select resources and choose what to play with and how to play. Each morning we plan and set up a variety of activities, all with a wealth of learning opportunities. We encourage our children to be independent in accessing the activities and choosing how long they wish to stay for before moving on.