



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children have enjoyed the story 'Simon Sock' and followed his journey to find his pair. It's a lovely, bright and sweet book about relationships and belonging. Lots of our activities have been linked to the book and socks! We've seen some fantastic sock designs this week and saw lots of very independent children taking off their socks and shoes and putting them back on again. By washing socks and hanging them on the washing line, the children have been strengthening their fine motor skills.

Phonics

This week we introduced the letter 'a'. The children met Alice the Alligator puppet who helped them play a phonics game. At home, continue to point out the letter 's' and 'a' in the environment and asking which objects start with the sound and practising to write the letters 's' and 'a'. This week try making the letters with playdoh or fill a bucket with water and use a paint brush to paint (with water) on a surface outside.

School Preparation

The focus this week has been emotions. Children recognised emotions on printed faces, looked at different scenarios and talked about why the person may feel that way. This led onto how the children were feeling about going to school.



The King's Coronation

We will be celebrating the King's Coronation on **Friday 5th May** with a little tea party. We would love for the children to come to preschool dressed in red, white and blue or dressed with a Royal theme. (Only for children who usually attend on a Friday)

Closures

Bank Holidays

We are closed on Monday 1st and Monday 8th May

Inset Day

We are closed after half term on Monday 5th June

Dates to Remember:

Summer Term

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Tuesday 6th June - Thursday 20th July

Bank Holiday Monday 1st and Monday 8th May

INSET – Monday 5th June

Friday 5th May – Red, White and Blue dress up

Weds 5th July – Sports Day

Thurs 29th June – Farm Visit

Thurs 20th July – 12pm finish and Graduation Picnic

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Sickness and Illness Policy

Our sickness policy has been updated and attached to the newsletter. Below are some important key points I want to make you aware of. **We have a child at preschool who has a low immune system.** Therefore, it is vital you follow the policy and notify us of any contagious illnesses your child may have.

- Should a child have an infectious disease, such as **sickness and diarrhoea**, they should not return to nursery until they have been clear for at least 48 hours.
- **Conjunctivitis**, we ask that children do not return to nursery for 24 hours after starting medication.
- **Scarlet Fever**, children cannot return to nursery until 24 hours after their first dose of anti-biotics.
- **Chicken Pox and Hand Foot and Mouth**, children should not return to nursery until all the spots have scabbed over.
- Children on **antibiotics** should remain at home for the first 24 hours of the course.
- If a child has a fever, they must be kept away from nursery for a minimum of 24 hours or until their fever has returned to normal. "A high temperature is 38C or more" NHS.
- **If a child is sent home from the nursery with a fever, the 24 hours exclusion still applies.**
- If you have administered **Calpol** to your child, they should not attend nursery for **24 hours** from the time when the medicine was ingested. This is because Calpol can mask the effects of illness which could then be passed on to other children.
- The nursery has the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell. This decision will be taken by the manager on duty and is non-negotiable.