

### The 2023...

It's hard to believe that half term is only a few weeks away, January has seen our new families joining nursery and we are busy supporting them settling in.

This newsletter we wanted to send a few reminders and let you know what we will be up to the next few months.

The spring term is a term of celebration and we will be learning all about these:

Chinese New Year

Valentine's Day

Pancake Day

St David's Day

St Patrick's Day

Easter

Mother's Day



### Clothing...

As we go out in all weathers please can we ask that the children are appropriately dressed for the weather conditions, during the winter months the children need to bring in NAMED coats, wellies, hats and gloves/mittens. If your child has gloves then ideally they need to put them on themselves, it's not easy trying to put on 52 gloves when we are going out!!

Also if your child is wearing their wellies to nursery please can they bring in an extra pair of shoes to change into in case their boots become muddy.

### Healthy eating

As part of our work on promoting healthy eating we do ask for parent support in providing NAMED snacks that are either fresh fruit or vegetable based. Part of our ethos is looking after our environment and this is something that we are really passionate about. We have seen an increase in the amount of packaging that we are putting in the bin from lunchboxes, please can we ask for paper bags rather than foil/cling film and you consider how much packaging you are putting in. We know ourselves how monotonous making lunch boxes can be especially if your children like the same thing but the NHS do have some great ideas at Lunchbox ideas and recipes [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Don't forget to checkout our  
Facebook page and website for the latest news

## Makaton

Last term the staff completed an introduction to Makaton course and are introducing signs we learnt to the children. Makaton is a form of communication using words, and hand signs and over the next few weeks teaching these signs to some of our favorite nursery rhymes.



[www.singinghands.co.uk](http://www.singinghands.co.uk) is a helpful website for those wanting to learn more.

## Our forest school menu

	Week 1	Week 2
Friday	Pasta, grated cheese	Baked beans, bread roll and grated cheese.

Pudding will be varied every week.

Snacks will always be a selection of fruit and healthy foods, including pancakes, bananas and foods baked at nursery. The menu is subject to change as we get requests from the children or to incorporate our topics and books such as picnics.

### Dates....

#### Half term

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
February

#### End of term

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
March (this is a week before most schools).

## We are here for you....

We want to reassure parents that although the drop off and pick-ups can be a little over whelming and busy, we are here for you, if you want to have a chat with us then please let your key person know and we can arrange for this, we have an open door policy and are here for you all:

Kim – Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri

Emma - Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri

Kerri - Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs /Fr

Justine – Mon/Tues/Thurs

Michelle – Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri

Jane – Wed/Thurs/Fri

Caroline- Mon/Wed

Claire – Tues/Thurs

## Reminders for drop off / pick up

Please can parents queue in the church garden for nursery drop off and pick up, the path outside nursery is a public footpath and it can become congested and we need to make sure the children are brought in and out safely, also we ask that dogs are kept on the grass by the bench and not at the bottom of the ramp, thank you

**The fundraising team will be in contact about our Easter egg hunt**