



Footsteps Nursery

Newsletter

Spring 2021

Dates for your diary

February 2021

Monday 1st February Feelings are important

Week beginning 8th February Valentines week

Friday 12th February 2,3 & 4 year old Grant Funded children who are not accessing stretched hours break up for half term

Tuesday 16th February Shrove Tuesday (pancake day)

Wednesday 17th February Random acts of Kindness celebrated today and everyday

Monday 22nd February 2,3 & 4 year old Grant Funded children who are not accessing stretched hours return to nursery following half term

Monday 22nd February Loving our pets today and everyday

March 2021

Thursday 4th March Dress up as a character out of your favourite book and celebrate World Book Day

Monday 22nd March International day of happiness; be happy today and everyday

Tuesday 23rd March World Poetry day

Friday 26th March Sponsored Story Telling Day

April 2021

Thursday 1st April Last day of Spring term. Nursery closes for Easter Break

Friday 2nd April Bank Holiday, Nursery closed

Monday 5th April Bank Holiday, Nursery closed

Tuesday 6th April Nursery reopens for all fee paying children and children who are accessing 2, 3 & 4 year old children who are stretching their grant funded hours across 50 weeks.

Tuesday 6th April Big Easter Egg hunt

Wednesday 21st April Lets invent and create something magical today

More information for all these exciting events to follow.

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COVID 19 Up-date

A massive THANK YOU to everyone for adhering to all our COVID 19 Risk Assessment requests . It is more important than ever that we all adhere to the government guidelines which act as our guide.

We are as per government directorate open to all children however we have continued to operate with reduce COVID safe places; this is simply to reduce the number of adults in the classrooms at any one time. Please can we ask you to continue to help us keep safe.

- **You must wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child from nursery.**
- **Daily temperature checks for every child and all staff members.**
- **Do not send your child into nursery if they or someone in your household is displaying symptoms and/or are awaiting test results.**

26th March 2021

Sponsored Story Telling Day

Following on from last years Fantastic Story Telling Day

Every minute of the day was filled with staff telling stories using visual aids from our 'Wonder Bags' we have decided to repeat this unique experience for the children

The benefits of story telling opposed to reading stories include:

1. Improved memory
2. Development of Creative Thinking and Imagination
3. Enhancement of Cultural Understanding
4. Improving listening skills
5. Encourages children to make up their own stories
6. Sustains deep level involvement
7. Encourages purposeful talking and discussion

All money raised from the sponsored activity will be spent on enhancing literacy throughout the nursery.

Sponsor forms will be available on Monday 1st March 2021. Thank you for your continued support.



Mothering Sunday 14th March 21

Sometimes known as Mother's Day held on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It is exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday and usually falls in the second half of March or the beginning of April.

Traditionally, people visited the church where they were baptized. Mothering Sunday is now a celebration of motherhood. People visit and take gifts to their mothers and grandmothers.

Happy Mothers Day

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day

Children will be enjoying making and eating pancakes in nursery on Tuesday 16th Feb 2021 as well as learning this popular early years rhyme:

'Mix a pancake, stir a pancake

Pop it in a pan

**Fry a pancake, toss a
pancake**

Catch it if you can'



World Book Day 2021

World Book Day is celebrated in over 100 countries across the globe, it is a UNESCO initiative that aims to celebrate both books and reading, especially among younger members of our societies. In the UK and Ireland, National Book Tokens are sent out so that children can purchase a book of their very own.

When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller and swap it for one of the **TEN** (exclusive, new and **completely FREE**) World Book Day books or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get **£1 off** any full price book instead.

