



## Newsletter January/February 2019

***Welcome to our 'new look' newsletter!*** A paper copy will be sent home each half term and will also be available on the website! ***Please continue to check the website regularly as there are updates, information and calendar dates being added throughout the year!***

### **Learning Themes**

Information about our 'Learning Themes' for January and February can be found on our website under 'PARENTS' and 'LEARNING THEMES'.

### **Christmas Gift Donations**

Many thanks for all your kind gifts and cards for Christmas. Many of you also donated to our chosen charity 'The Children's Hospice' and we are delighted to have received £315 which will be donated on your behalf.

### **School Fund**

As you know we ask parents for a contribution to our 'School Fund' as explained back in August at our 'Family Visit Days'. We are extremely grateful to all parents for making this donation, as the school budget situation has become extremely bleak. The school fund not only pays for your child's weekly snack- which every child receives, but also allows us to fund resources for the many activities in Nursery that all children participate in every week. It is also used to subsidise the

many events and visitors we have in the nursery along with funds raised by our PTA. Unfortunately, our Education Authority funding is no longer enough to cover the cost of the very basic equipment that we require such as paper, paint, toilet roll etc. Therefore, your support in contributing a small amount each month really does go a long way in supporting your child in their 'whole' pre-school education. Aside from the subsidised 'Pantomime' visit, we try not to ask parents to pay for anything else throughout the year.

### **Big Bedtime Read**

This continues this year, so please don't forget to take your 'book pack' home on a Monday and return it to us on a Friday! Text reminders will be resuming to remind you all about this.

### **PTA**

Our 'PTA' has already raised a fantastic amount so far this year and they will be continuing with fundraising events over the coming months! Please check out their FaceBook and Website page as well as the entrance hall for further information! These funds enable the PTA to support the school by the purchasing of additional activities and educational equipment for all the children.

### **Visits and Visitors**

We will be welcoming some exciting visitors and activities to our Nursery over the coming months- these are listed on our Website on the 'calendar'. Special dates for your diary are also listed on this newsletter.

### **Clothing Bin**

The clothing 'recycling' bin is located at our Main Entrance Gate. This is for family and local community use. Every time the bin is emptied the school receives a small donation from 'Cash for Clobber' so please use it whenever you are having a clear out! So far this year we have earned £52.50!

### **School Improvement Works**

The outdoor improvements to our school are progressing well and we hope that they will be completed by the end of February. There will be some changes made to the entrance of the school- further information will be given as the work progresses.

### **World Book Day 2019**

This will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March this year. We ask all children to dress up as their favourite book character! We will be having lots of 'literacy' fun activities going on that day!

### **Diary Dates**

1<sup>st</sup> Feb- World of Owls visiting

4<sup>th</sup> Feb- Chinese New Year Visitor

8<sup>th</sup> Feb- Forest School

28<sup>th</sup> Feb- Mr Hulabaloo Theatre Company

7<sup>th</sup> Mar- World Book Day

19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Mar- Scholastic Book Fair in School

***There are now further diary dates on our 'Calendar' on the website, with details of key events to the end of June.***