

February 2024

Dear Parent,

It is hard to believe that half of the Nursery year is already over! Our February themes are 'Love', 'Caring for Others' and 'Caring for Ourselves'. For the first two weeks, we will be thinking about people who love us (i.e. our families) and people who help us. For the last week in February, we will be thinking



about how to look after our bodies i.e. by eating healthy food and by keeping fit.

Sarah Gage will join us to lead in some fun exercise sessions in Nursery with the children for 5 weeks. We are really looking forward to this. Parents are invited to come and join in with their child for the final exercise session on Thursday 21st March.

Our colours this month are red and pink and our shape is the heart. Please encourage your children to look for these colours and shapes in their environment. Children can continue to bring in named items for our colour and shape table if they wish or send photos via seesaw.

Please note the following dates for your diary:

- **Friday 2nd February:** Playball
- **Monday 5th, 6th & 7th February:** Parent Meetings
- **Friday 9th February:** Nursery closed due to staff training
- **Monday 12th – Friday 16th February:** Nursery closed for half term
- **Thursday 20th February:** Red Day. Children are encouraged to wear red or pink if possible on this day. All activities and even the snack food that day will be red!
- **Wednesday 21st February:** Exercise fun with Sarah
- **Thursday 22nd February:** Music with Jo Jingles
- **Friday 23rd February:** Playball

- **Monday 26th February:** Mr Hullabaloo (as January's show was cancelled)
- **Tuesday 27th February:** Visit from Nurse Zelda
- **Wednesday 28th February:** Visit from Doctor Ruth
- **Wednesday 28th February:** Exercise fun with Sarah
- **Thursday 29th February:** Music with Jo Jingles

As part of the ***Getting Ready to Learn*** programme, we have made packs of books and simple activities to develop the children's fine-motor skills. After half term, we will start to send these packs home for you to borrow and return. One pack will be sent out on a Monday and it will be returned the following Monday, when another pack will then be sent home. We will alternate the book and fine-motor packs.

We hope you will enjoy sharing the books with your child and that they will benefit from the simple fine-motor activities.



We will also be sending the children home with a cutting skills bag, which you can explore over half term with your child. These bags do not have to be returned but are designed to show parents how to use simple, cheap objects to help your child develop their cutting skills and prepare them for entering Primary School.



Please note if your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea, we would ask that your child is kept off Nursery for 48 hours from the last episode as guidance from Public Health Agency. This is to reduce the spread of illness in Nursery.

Also could we ask if your child is absent from Nursery, that a note of explanation is given either through seesaw or a phone call to the school.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

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