

## **Our Ethos - It takes a whole community to raise a child**



### **What's happening at Nursery School !**

**Monday 25th January to Friday 29th January 2016**

In Nursery school the children are still continuing to be interested in the Bear Hunt story- they have been making caves, acting out the story and using small world toys to recreate the story. Revisiting the story really helps children to develop their language and they learn how stories are constructed- something they need to know in order to write and tell their own stories when they get to school. There has been lots of interest in exploring ice and snow and the children are singing songs about ice and snow.

Last week the PGCE teaching students led a "Cookathon" with the children and they have posted some blog items on the website all about the cooking activities with some photographs of the children taking part. You can take a look and post a comment- maybe your child has talked about their cooking experience when they were at home? The recipes are also on the blog- if you try any of them out perhaps you can post a picture on tapestry and let us know how you got on.

Cooking is a great activity to do with your child. It supports lots of areas of learning. There is a lot of new vocabulary to learn and talking about what happens to the ingredients as they change when you cook with them involves lots of scientific language. You can also use many mathematical words as you follow the recipes and talk about measuring the quantities needed.

Many of the children are now able to talk to their keyworker about the library books they have taken home and shared with you. Being able to recall a story and retell it is another skill needed in readiness for developing early literacy skills for writing stories. You can support your child with this by asking them to tell you about the story after you have read it to them.

School Telephone Number to report lateness or absences:- **0121 675 3408**

**[www.featherstonenurseryschool.org.uk](http://www.featherstonenurseryschool.org.uk)**

## Fruit for the café

Please can children in **Caterpillars and Rabbits**

bring in a few pieces of fruit this week?

The week after that will be the turn of **Butterflies**



## Early Years Health and Wellbeing Services

In Birmingham the City Council is planning to create a new integrated Health and Wellbeing Offer for parents by changing the way they deliver the following services:

Children's centres; Health visiting and family nurse partnerships; Parenting support services; Pregnancy and breastfeeding support services.

They are consulting on how you want these key services to be delivered in the future. There is a short questionnaire available on the "Be heard website".

[www.birminghambeheard.org.uk](http://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk)

Look for the Early Years Health and Wellbeing Services consultation.

There are eight core questions that we would like you to respond to but we also welcome any other comments you might wish to make in relation to early years services in Birmingham. The consultation runs from Monday 30th November 2015 to 28th February 2016 so please take a few minutes and respond as soon as possible.

## Nursery School Places

If you or any of your friends or family have a younger child who is not yet at Nursery please ensure they have been registered with the Nursery school as we will soon be contacting everyone about places for September 2016.

Anyone wishing to register for a Nursery school place must bring the child's birth certificate and proof of address in the form of a recent utility bill.

Dates reminder:-

Holidays this term:-

Half term is from  
Monday 15 February 2016 -  
Friday 19 February 2016

Easter holidays are  
Friday 25 March 2016 -  
Friday 8 April 2016