



## What's happening at Nursery School ?



**Monday 29th January to Friday 2nd February 2018**

Last week the children had lots of exciting learning opportunities inside and outside the Nursery School. Many children are showing an interest in mark making, which is the first stage towards writing. Our youngest children are experimenting with different mark making in Cherry Room, in Oak room in the graphics area and outside. The children are using paintbrushes to make circles and lines on paper on the easels or on the table. When they are playing with the play dough they are developing their fine motor skills by using the rolling pins, pestle and mortars to crush herbs and cutters and tools to make marks in the dough. At home you can help their learning by drawing and painting with them and telling them what you are doing. When you are writing lists or filling in forms let them have their own paper or forms so that they can make their own marks. Many of the children who are developmentally older are now talking about their mark making and telling adults what their mark making means. They now understand that writing is different to drawing and many of them are writing recognisable letters. Some of the children can write their own name or some of the letters from their name, and a few children are attempting to write labels for their drawings or other things in the Nursery School. You can help your child's learning by telling them what you're writing as you write a shopping list. Make a name card for their bedroom door or a placemat with their name on. Let them use these to help them try to write their name by themselves.

If you would like to read more ideas for supporting your child with learning to write then why not take a look at the CBeebies website:-

**[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/its-not-just-scribbling-its-mark-making](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/its-not-just-scribbling-its-mark-making)**

### **BIG thinking Workshops!**

Don't forget to come and play on

**Tuesday 30th January and Thursday 1st February**  
**8.30am to 10.30am or 12.00 to 1.30pm.**



You can spend time with your child talking and working out fun problems and challenges - all designed to get your brain really thinking.

Learn about sustained shared thinking and good ways to use questions to challenge and help your child's learning.

**Please don't forget to phone us to tell us if your child is going to be absent.**  
**The office is open from 7.30am until 5.30pm. Please note the change of closing time.**  
**The school telephone number is 0121 675 3408 Add it to your phone contacts.**

## Snacks and fruit or vegetables for the café

In order that we can provide healthy snacks each day in the cafe for the children please can children in the Hedgehogs group bring in a few pieces of fruit, some vegetables or some breadsticks or crackers this week? If you are not sure what to bring please ask your child's keyworker. Next week it will be the turn of the Squirrels group.



## Help us keep your children safe!

Please **do not** hold the door into and out of the Nursery corridor open.  
Always check it has closed fully when you go into or come out  
of the Nursery School.

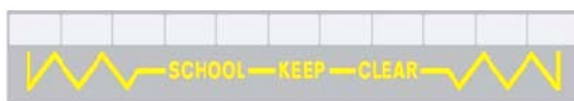
Please be careful to check that you have not allowed any  
children to follow you out of the door!



## School Fund

Please remember to pay school fund each week to support us to buy extra resources for the Nursery school. If every parent pays £1.00 each week it will really help to pay for resources such as cooking ingredients and juice and snacks for the cafe.

Please pay whatever you can afford. **EVERY LITTLE HELPS!**



For the safety of your child, their friends, and the local community we request that you park safely, legally and considerately.

This means not parking on single or double yellow lines; not double parking; not stopping or dropping off on the Nursery School Keep Clear yellow zig zags; not parking on corners or junctions near the Nursery school entrance; not blocking driveways.

Please do not unload your child from the car door onto the road!

Don't rush your journey to and from school, the entrance to the school is busy and requires your full attention. **PARK SAFELY! PARK LEGALLY!**

**School Term dates and other important information is on our website:-  
[www.featherstonenurseryschool.org.uk](http://www.featherstonenurseryschool.org.uk)**