



What's happening at Nursery School ?



Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2018

Welcome to the last newsletter of this half term.

Just a reminder that we break up on Friday for one weeks holiday and we will reopen on Monday 26th February.

We hope many of you will come along to the parents and carers information sessions for the Life Education caravan on Wednesday 14th February. These are taking place at the beginning of the day 8.45am to 9.15am or 12.00 midday to 12.30pm.

The 16th of February is when Chinese people will start their New year celebrations. If you are looking for something free to do with your family then why not go into Birmingham City centre and join in with the celebrations on Sunday 18th February? There will be lots of exciting things to see. Take a look at the following website for more information:-

www.birminghamhippodrome.com/calendar/chinese-new-year-2018/

Although the weather has been very cold the children have continued to be excited to learn outside.

In the Forest school sessions last week the children were looking out for signs of Spring on the field. Although it is still very cold it is possible to see how the natural environment around us is changing. This is a really good learning opportunity for your children. Talk to them about what they can see when you are out and about. You could take some photographs of what you find together and add them to your child's Tapestry learning journal.

Some children were fascinated when exploring the ice and snow that they found outside on the tables and trays. This was an excellent scientific learning experience. The children were able to find out about the ice and snow and to learn new vocabulary such as freezing and thawing. The best learning takes place when children have real experiences and are able to touch and feel things in the natural world.

Most children are happy to play outside as long as they have suitable coats, hats and gloves so please ensure that they come to school every day with the right clothing.

We have a lot of lost property again.

Please write your child's name on their hats, coats and gloves so that the staff can return them to the right child.



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 Robins 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 Hedgehogs group.



Places for Nursery School - September 2018

Although it is only February we are already starting to plan for next September. If your child is going to be coming back to us in September we will be contacting you soon to ask what type of place you will require.

Please talk to us if you think that you may be applying for a 30 hour place for your child.

If you have any friends or family members looking for a place in September for their 2, 3 or 4 year old child please tell them to contact us and we will explain how to register their child for a place.

Check the childcare choices website for details of the different types of early education entitlement. www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



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!



In the event of severe weather school closure information is posted on our website. You will also receive a text message so please ensure we have your most up to date mobile number.

We also suggest that you listen to local radio stations - Free radio, BBC Radio West Midlands and Heart FM and check on their websites too.

Stripey's Breakfast and After school clubs

Breakfast club:- 7.30am until 8.30am - £4.00 per day includes breakfast.

(Half hour sessions available 8.00am to 8.30am - £2.00 per day)

After school club 2.30pm to 5.00pm - £10.00 (or 3.00pm to 5.00pm - £8.00)

per day includes a snack. Please ask at reception if you wish to book a place for your child.

**School Term dates and other important information is on our website:-
www.featherstonenurseryschool.org.uk**