

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



What's happening at Nursery School !

Monday 6th February to Friday 10th February 2017

Last week the children had lots of excellent learning opportunities in Nursery school. Many of you will notice that we no longer have the magnificent cherry tree in the playground. Unfortunately the tree died and we had to have it removed for safety reasons.

The gardeners who felled the tree left a lot of the wood to be used in various parts of the Nursery school. Many children had fun outside using hammers and nails and practising their fine motor control hammering nails into large pieces of the wood. The experience of handling the wood helped the children to learn and understand first hand that wood comes from trees and supported their learning of new vocabulary as well as their fine motor skills.

The children were practising balancing and improving their gross motor skills using climbing equipment in the corridor. The older children showed how able they are to be independent in holding out their hands to balance. Many of the younger children tried really hard and those who were less confident had the help of an adult's hand to hold. Gross motor control is the term used to describe the development of controlled movements of the whole body, or limbs (arms or legs). The development of good posture and balance is of particular importance in relation to handwriting. Activities such as dance, football, use of small apparatus, cycling, gripping climbing frames and building with large-scale construction kits all develop gross motor control.

Thank you to those of you who came into Nursery school on Wednesday to celebrate World Book Day. World book day is not only a great deal of fun but it gives the children a very strong message about the importance of reading and how much enjoyment they can have from stories. It was super to see so many of them dressed up and a very special well done to those parents who made their child's costumes themselves!! You had some really imaginative ideas.

This week the children will be experiencing a visit from the Playhouse theatre who will be delivering the interactive performance of "Roll up, roll up!" Look out for photographs on your child's Tapestry journal. This fantastic learning opportunity really supports children's learning in many ways. The children develop their coordination, control, and movement skills through structured physical play. The children's ideas are validated through discussion and their participation in dramatic play which builds their confidence, self-belief and self-esteem. The children develop imaginative play through movement and mime. Please don't forget to pay £5.00 to cover the cost of this exciting learning opportunity.

School telephone number:- 0121 675 3408

Don't forget to sign up for a parent consultation! They are being held week beginning Monday 13th March

The appointment sheets are in the corridor in the Nursery school.

Monday 13.3.17 Hedgehogs

Wednesday 15.3.17 Rabbits

Friday 17.3.17 Bumblebees and Robins

Tuesday 14.3.17 Squirrels and Ladybirds

Thursday 16.3.17 Owls and Woodpeckers

Tuesday 21.3.17 Caterpillars

Please don't forget to bring snacks and fruit or vegetables for the café

Please can children in the **Ladybirds and Robins** bring in a few pieces of fruit, some vegetables or some breadsticks or crackers for the café this week?

Next week it will be the turn of the **Squirrels and Owls.**



We need your help!

If your child needs changing at Nursery school after getting wet, dirty or having a toileting accident we may have to use Nursery school spare clothes if there are none in their bag on their peg. Please remember to wash these clothes and return them to Nursery school as soon as you can.

We always need spare clothes and really need them to be returned in a clean condition.

If you have any spare clothes that an older child in your family has grown out of please send them into Nursery school. We always need pants, socks, trousers, leggings, shoes and jumpers and t-shirts.

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 4.00pm - £6.00 (or 3.00pm to 4.00pm - £4.00)
per day includes a snack.

Please ask at reception if you wish to book a place for your child.

**School Term dates are on our website:-
www.featherstonenurseryschool.org.uk**