

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



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

**Monday 20th March to Friday 24th March 2017**

The children are continuing to challenge their physical skills outside using the equipment to make more difficult apparatus. Some children were using the high jumping challenge to practise their mark making and tallying as they recorded which children had jumped highest. Mark making and using mathematical language during their play will help them to understand how useful it is to be able to write and understand mathematics.

Last week the children went on a Spring walk in the playground to look out for signs of the changing seasons. They looked for plants and trees that were beginning to grow and noticed the buds beginning to show on the trees and the daffodils and crocuses blooming. This activity helped to introduce lots of new vocabulary about plants and growing to the children. When you are out and about with your child see if you can spot some plants flowering or the buds forming on the trees and bushes. This will help them to remember any new words they have learnt. Noticing changes in the natural world around them helps them to begin to learn some scientific language. It will also help them to learn how to take care of our environment and to begin to have a sense of awe and wonder about the world around them.

The children also were able to make some simple pizza style snacks on bread using tomato sauce, cheese, and fresh tomatoes. This is a great activity for learning about changes that happen during cooking as the cheese melted and the ingredients changed colour. The pizza making also helped develop their vocabulary and their fine motor skills as well as being delicious to eat!!

**Please Don't forget to join us for our Mothers' Day Concerts**

**Wednesday 22nd March at 10.45am** for children in Rabbits (Mon- Wed children)

Hedgehogs, Morning Caterpillars, Morning Bumblebees, Ladybirds and Squirrels.

**Friday 24th March at 1.45pm** for children in Rabbits (Wed- Friday), Rabbits (Full time),

Afternoon Caterpillars, Afternoon Bumblebees, Woodpeckers, Owls and Robins.

**School telephone number:- 0121 675 3408**

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

Please can children in the **Bumblebees** 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 **Caterpillars**.



### Advanced notice

**Easter Holidays** The last day of the Spring term will be **Friday 7th April**. And the Nursery school will be closed for children until **Tuesday 25th April**.

**Monday 24th April** is a staff training day and the **Nursery school is closed to children**.

**Monday 1st May** Nursery school is closed for the Bank Holiday.

**Thursday 4th May** Nursery school is closed as it is a polling station for the election for the West Midlands Combined Authority Mayor.

**Wednesday 10th May** - Family trip to Birmingham Wildlife and Conservation park and Cannon Hill Park. More details to follow.

**Wednesday 24th May** Nursery **school will be closed** for induction sessions for new children starting with us in September 2017.

### Stripey's Breakfast and After school clubs



Breakfast club:- 7.30am until 8.30am - £4.00 per day includes breakfast.  
(Half hour sessions available - £2.00 per half hour)

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