

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



What's happening at Nursery School !

Monday 27th March to Friday 31st March 2017

Thank you to all of you who came to see the children singing for the Mother's day concerts on Wednesday and Friday. I am sure that you will agree that the children were amazing! Performing in front of an audience is a very brave thing to do whatever age you are! As well as showing how confident they are the children also performed just a few of the many songs they know.

The ability to hear beats in music is an extremely strong predictor of reading ability. A child who is able to keep a steady beat will naturally be a better reader. Reading is all about breaking down letters, sounds and syllables. Keeping a beat does the same - it teaches us to segment, break down sounds and listen carefully. Beat and music, which go hand in hand, help young children to become better readers. Music teaches our ears to hear and our minds to recognise patterns. You may have recognized one of the songs that the children sang during the concert.

Here are the words if you wish to sing it with your child at home:-

I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little teapot short and stout.

Here's my handle.

Here's my spout.

When I see the teacups, Hear me shout!

Tip me up and pour me out!



Childcare
Choices

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

There is a new website available which allows all parents to find out about the different childcare options available to them.

You can sign up for information to be sent to you as it becomes available. It will allow you to check if you are entitled to a place for your 2, 3 or 4 year old and will also give you information about the new 30 Hours Childcare places.

Please talk to us if you wish to discuss choices for your child's place at Nursery School.

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 **Caterpillars** 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 **Rabbits**.



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