

Term dates:

Close Fri 22/2/19 Reopen Mon 4/3/19

Close Fri 12/4 Reopen Tue 30/4/19

Dates to remember this half term:

5th March = Pancake Day

7<sup>th</sup> March = World book day

13th March = Bags 2 Schools

15<sup>th</sup> March = Red nose day

12th April = Toddler session Easter Egg Hunt

Mothers Union will be joining us to make Mothers Day posies-date to be confirmed.

Since returning back after Christmas (doesn't that seem a long time ago!) we have been looking at the different things that are good for our bodies. We have brought the bikes and trikes indoors for those really rainy days, we have enjoyed the soft play and only this week we have been taking part in a fruit racing game with Delphine. The children have enjoyed a host of activities, all planned from their interests and requests! A Monday afternoon is dedicated to our trips to Sutton school where the children enjoy playing and undertaking activities within a school setting, helping them to prepare for their next journey in September. The children have especially enjoyed getting muddy in the mud kitchen, there have been lots of lovely looking dishes prepared-I mean, who doesn't want to eat a nice healthy portion of worm and monster claw pie?! The sand has been well used too, the children have chosen to add drain pipes to it to see how fast the sand falls when it is wet and dry. Good thinking! During our quieter activities the children have enjoyed a range of games such as farm lotto, snap, matching pairs and number lotto. We have been using our new pens to draw some absolutely beautiful pictures too. Please remember to take your children's pictures home with you, whether it is a house, a car, a scary monster with 7 eyes and a purple tail or just a line down the middle of the page, the children have worked hard and are excited to show you their efforts from their day with us.

This term we have welcomed Felix, Elijah, Isabel, Jozef and Joseph. We hope you all have a lovely time at Preschool and make lots of friends!

As we continue to work with the children in teaching them about a healthy lifestyle, following the HENRY guidance, please make sure your child is sent with a drinks bottle containing WATER for during the day and a healthy lunch (we don't mind the odd treat like a small cake bar or biscuit but please, no sweets). Please remember to pack wellies, a suitable coat, gloves hats etc for this lovely weather we are experiencing and keep your fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Watch out for our Easter hamper lists going up soon!



An update in regard to training:

Steph is to become the safeguarding officer whilst Debbie is taking over as deputy safeguarding officer after her recent training and Delphine is taking over as SENCO after undertaking two days of training. All the staff are fully trained in paediatric first aid and we have been visiting other settings to share knowledge and practices.

The money we raised at the Christmas fair (thank you all so much!) has helped us to buy new farm animals, magnifying glasses, pens, it has funded the bus trip for our summer outing this year and has helped us to purchase lots of other items to help support the children's development.

Please remember that preschool needs to stay a nut free zone as Steph has a very sever nut allergy so please do give your children an extra wipe down if peanut butter was on the breakfast menu.