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Newsletter

Welcome back everybody and a big welcome to our new starters! We are hitting our busiest term of the year and are totally full until August. Please ensure your name is down for the summer holiday club and any changes to sessions are booked in for September, there are only a few places available!

This term we look forward to the first of 2 newbuilds. A Garden Office! This will allow office staff to move out of the kitchen and give the much needed space to prepare and cook lunches more easily. A proper office will also be a blessing, providing the room we need to complete admin tasks and a quiet, confidential space for meetings. Our second build will take place in June, further details of this will be announced in the next newsletter! We have been lucky to obtain grants and additional funding for both newbuilds.

The coming weeks are going to be jam packed, we have lots planned! This week is Oral health week. We have collected a pack from the East Riding Dental Team to help us learn about good dental hygiene. Staff have planned activities to support with this. If you would like to extend this at home there are some great videos on youtube that look at going to the dentist. Mr Tumble (Cbeebies) has a song you could search for too!

Next Monday afternoon we have some very special visitors coming to pre-school. The Yorkshire Lamb Orphanage are bringing some lambs for us to feed and cuddle. If it is not your usual day you are welcome to pop in and have a cuddle at about 1.30pm. An email has been sent with full details.

After that we will be finding out about and preparing for the Town's Coronation Celebrations on Friday 5th May. The Sparrows will be parading to the Minster at 10am. If it's not your usual day and you are a Sparrow you are welcome to join in. You can meet us at pre-school at 9.50am, please remain with and supervise your child.

In between all that we will be looking at growing our own flowers and vegetables and using counting and measuring skills to check how our plants are doing. We will focus on health and hygiene, discovering ways to keep ourselves happy and healthy. We will be finding out about the weights of items and learning the words to describe them. The children's interests will be intertwined with our focus's for the term so if your child has a particular interest please encourage them to share it with us. We will be learning new songs and reading stories to support our learning too so as you can tell, we will be busy!

SEND NEWS - Coffee and Cake

Hannah is running her next stay and play session for families with SEND on Saturday 27th May 11-1pm. Families are invited to bring their children for a play, have coffee and cake and meet others and catch up. Please speak to Hannah for further information.

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Ideas for Home Learning

All About Teeth! - to support Oral Health week you could focus on good teeth health at home too. Sing the song "this is the way we brush our teeth" as your child brushes in the morning. Talk about the foods they are eating, what has a lot of sugar, what could you eat or drink instead? Play going to the dentist with your child, let them be the dentist and count your teeth! Don't forget to ask for a sticker once you're done!

A Spring Walk - we all love getting out now the weather is improving. Take a walk to Howden Marsh or round the moat in the Ashes and look out for the baby ducklings. How many are there? What other baby animals do you know? Maybe you could play a game matching the baby to its mummy. Maybe you could draw the baby. What sound does it make? If you visit any babies over the coming weeks be sure to upload a few pictures onto EYLOG for us to discuss in group times!

Filling and Emptying - Use jugs and bottles or cartons and boxes. Which is heavy, light? Which has the most/least? Draw a line on the container, can you fill to the line? You could use anything to fill...rice, pompoms, paper balls, sand, pebbles, water...you could even play this game in the bath!

Fundraising

CO-OP Community Fund - Have you signed up yet? - The funds are creeping up, we now have £485.12 in the kitty! Please get involved!

Neighbourly - this is a website that businesses can sign up to. It enables them to make a positive impact in their community by donating volunteer time, money and surplus products to local charities and good causes. If you work for a company that you think could support us in this way please ask them to have a look. www.neighbourly.com

REMINDERS

CLOTHES AND SHOES- We are really enjoying water play at the moment! We have very little spares so please ensure there are a change of clothes (including socks) and shoes in your child's bag.

COVID19, STREP A AND OTHER ILLNESSES – We have had recent cases of COVID in our setting alongside sickness and diarrhoea. To protect our vulnerable families please could you be considerate by not sending your child if they are unwell or need calpol before their session.

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PLEASE COLLECT ON TIME - We are fully booked and have to work to a strict timescale at pick up times. We have staff going on breaks, leaving to collect their own children, leaving to collect our out of school club children, or leaving after working a 10 hour shift. At these crossover times we often have to work to our maximum ratio, therefore it is really important you collect your child on time. We do understand that sometimes there are hold ups so ask that if you are going to be late you let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Strikes

The next set of school strikes are planned for Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Although we do not take part we do have 3 staff who are affected. We will give you as much notice as we can if we need to adjust numbers for these days.

Volunteering

We hope you appreciate our dedicated team spend all their working time with your children, this means they do not get chance to keep our garden clear of leaves and weeds or do other little jobs that crop up from time to time. If this is something you feel you could help with once a month for an hour or so, we would be grateful. Please let us know.

Diary Dates

Lambs Visiting - Mon 24th April

May Bank Holiday 1st May - CLOSED

Coronation Day Celebrations - Friday 5th May

Coronation Bank Holiday 8th May - CLOSED

Pre-School Closes for Half Term - Friday 26th May

Hannah's SEND Coffee Morning - Sat 27th May 11-1pm

Holiday Club - Tues 30th May - Fri 2nd June - Last few spaces, book now!

Pre-School Opens - Mon 5th June

Howden Show - Sunday 2nd July - we will be holding our usual stall on the day

Graduation Day for Sparrows - Tuesday 11th July 2pm

Stay and Play/New Starter Week - Mon 17th - Fri 21st July - details to follow

Pre-School Closes - Friday 21st July

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Summer Holiday Club Starts 24th July - Please book early!

As always do not hesitate to contact us if you have anything you wish to discuss, we welcome feedback and are always open to ways we can improve our service.