

Newsletter



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Welcome back everybody! We are very excited to be heading towards Spring and have so much planned! The children are over the moon with our new garden areas, they have enjoyed exploring all that is there and we really can't wait for the growing season to start so we can get on with some planting!

Inside the staff have been working hard to create some cosy spaces for exploring and learning. Some of us attended training at Newport Primary School and were inspired by their take on the hygge approach. Have a google and see what you think! Look out for our updates on facebook and instagram.

SEND NEWS

Hannah is running a free stay and play session for families with SEND on Saturday 1st April 11-1pm. Families are invited to bring their children for a play, have coffee and cake and meet others. Please speak to Hannah for further information.

The Blue Sparrows are enjoying small world trains and dinosaurs, they have been junk modelling to support this play, creating dinosaur homes and train sheds. We have a new book area where stories are set up with props, the Blues love acting out the 3 little pigs story and playing the fishing game that has been set up in there to go alongside the under the sea books.

The Red Sparrows are developing their imaginative play through lots of role play. Current interests include doctors, they say "there is a chicken in my ear" so we then have to problem solve how we are going to get it out! The reds have been introduced to some Yoga, they have enjoyed joining in the moves and staff have reported the sessions to have had a calming effect particularly on Wacky Wednesdays! The reds will also be focusing on emotions this term, exploring books about feelings and how to express them.

The Robins are enjoying the Red Riding Hood story, they have made masks and a role play area with grandma's bed to enable them to act it out. They plan to bake biscuits and take them through the woods to grandma's cottage next week, they'll need to watch out for the wolf! The Robins' interests also include Bob the Builder, "That's not my....." books, cooking for each other in their new kitchen and lots of water play.

Ideas for Home Learning

A Spring Walk - Go for a walk, notice spring bulbs shooting up, look for snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses. Show your child the buds on the trees, these will turn into leaves or maybe some spring blossom in a few weeks. Listen to the birds as they start to wake up and sing. Watch the squirrels as they run up and down the trees, what might they be looking for? Collect some sticks to make a den for a favourite teddy or toy on your return home.

Make a Worry Doll



Worry Dolls

happyhooligans.ca

What are Worry Dolls?

Worry dolls are tiny dolls that children tell their worries to before placing them under their pillow at night.

The worry dolls take the children's worries away while they sleep.

They are a lovely opportunity to encourage children to talk about how they are feeling.

What you need:

- small sticks or twigs
- wool, ribbon or thread
- felt tip pens

What to do:

- Break your sticks or twigs into small lengths (about 5cms).
- Wrap different colours of wool, ribbon or thread around your stick (use a skin colour towards the top for a face). Tie off the ends.
- Felt tip a face onto your doll.

Coin Rolling

Empty your purses and pockets and collect your loose change, find a hard surface such as a table or hard floor, practice rolling coins. Turn it into a game, who can roll the furthest, who can roll it nearest to a marker. You could put paper under and mark where the coins roll to, then draw lines to find out the route they took. This is a great activity for developing those fine motor skills, give it a try!

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Fundraising

CO-OP Community Fund - Have you signed up yet? - Please ask your friends and family to join up too, we now have £216.16 in the kitty!

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

Coronation Day Celebrations

Howden Town Council have invited us to join in the Coronation celebrations on Friday 5th March at approx 9.30/10am. We will make crowns and join in the parade to the Minster where there will be some lovely refreshments for you all to enjoy. All are welcome to join in the parade, those who do not normally attend Friday mornings will need to be accompanied by an adult. Further details to follow.

REMINDERS

CLOTHES AND SHOES- Please ensure there is a change of clothes and shoes in your child's bag.

COVID19, STREP A AND OTHER ILLNESSES – We have vulnerable families within our setting so ask you to be considerate towards others that attend. Please **DO NOT** send your child if they are unwell or need calpol before their session.

Diary Dates

Pre-School Closes – Friday 31st March

SEND Stay and Play - Saturday 1st April 11am-1pm

Easter Holiday Club - 3rd-6th and 11th-14th April - book now to secure your place!

Pre-School Opens - Monday 17th 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

Holiday Club - 30th May - 5th June - Please book early!

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Pre-School Opens - Tues 6th June

Pre-School Closes - Friday 21st July

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