



Waltham Pre-School

Newsletter Summer Term 1

Room 2

March 2024

Themes

Our themes this half term are ;

- Growing Plants
- Mini Beasts
- How we look after our teeth
- Our Local Community / Allotments / Gardens

Story of the Week

This half term our weekly focus books will be ;

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| 15.4.24 - Tiny Seed | 6.5.24 - The Hungry Caterpillar |
| 22.4.24 - Oliver's Vegetables | 13.5.24 - Tad |
| 29.5.24 - Yucky Worms | 20.5.24 - Bog Baby |

Sound of the Week

Our sound of the week for the interest table will be ;

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Shared Learning

Please look out for your child's Shared Learning information form that will be coming home before the end of term. Practitioners will be handing these to you on the door to ensure that they do not get lost in transition. The form will include your child's 'next steps' in learning that will be focused on over the next half term. Ideas for supporting your child's next steps will also be included. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your child's Keyperson.

Primary School Transition

Transitions to the Leas Primary Academy will begin in the Summer Term. Mrs Larkin and other key members of school staff will visit the pre-school and engage with the children through stories and play to help promote a seamless transition. Dates and further arrangements will be shared with you in due course.

If your child **will not** be going to The Leas, please let your child's keyworker know the school that they will be moving on to so that appropriate discussions and arrangements can be made.

Sponsored Family Treasure Hunt

Room 2 children will be bringing home a Treasure Hunt activity that we hope you will support them with over the Easter Break. All funds raised will go towards our Room 2 children's end of Pre-School celebrations in July. Please return completed forms and money raised into Pre-School by Friday 19th April. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Staffing Changes

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to one of our Deputy Managers, Mrs Rawcliffe at the Easter break. We wish her every happiness as she embarks upon her new career; she will be very sorely missed by everyone! We look forward to welcoming Miss Clason as our new Deputy Manager who will also be based in the main pre-school office.

Mrs Chidwick will be reducing her hours in Pre-school after Easter as she shares her time between Pre-School and teaching in another school. We will be looking to appoint a new full time Room Leader as soon as possible. To ensure continuity for our Room 2 provision, Mrs Chidwick will continue part time in her Room Leader role until our new appointment takes over.

Dates for your Diary - more details will follow via Tapestry

Wb. 20th May - Room 2 Parent Meetings

Tuesday 21st May 2024 - Grandparents gardening afternoon

Tuesday 9th July - Room 2 Leaver's Concert

Spare Clothes

Polite request - all children need to have spare clothes in their pre-school bags. We have had a number of children who have fallen over, particularly during wet weather and have needed a change of leggings or trousers. We have a limited number of spare clothes within the setting. If you do have any spare 3 - 4 year old joggers, leggings or trousers that you are looking to pass on, we will always gratefully receive items that are in good condition for emergency occasions.

Easter Holiday Closure

Pre-school (Rooms 1 and 2) will close on **Thursday 28th March** and reopen on **Monday 15th April**.
Nursery is open as normal during the Easter break except for Good Friday 29th and Easter Monday 1st April.

Easter Holiday Club Dates

Holiday Club is open during the East Break for Pre-school children and Primary age pupils. Please ensure that you have contacted the office prior to Wednesday 27th March if you need your child booking into any holiday club sessions.

Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April

Monday 8th April - Friday 12th April

Term Dates

Pre-school will be closed for the May bank holiday on **Monday 6th May**.

May Half-Term Holiday - Pre-school closes on **Friday 24th May** and reopens on **Monday 3rd June**.

Pre-school closes for the Summer on **Friday 19th July**.

Wishing all our families a very Happy Easter.

