



Queensway Chapel Nursery

February 2016

Newsletter



Welcome back to Nursery after the half term break.

We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers again. There is a box in reception if you would like to donate them to us. We are now collecting aluminium drinks cans in order to raise funds—there is a collection box in reception. Thank you to everyone who donated to Crackerjacks Children's Trust—we raised £70.50.

Dates for your diary

Thurs 3rd March	World Book Day
Fri 18th March	Red Nose Day
Tues 22nd March 5:30 til 7:00	Parents evening
Thurs 24th March	Last day of term (Nursery closes to term time children)
Fri 25th — Mon 28th April	NURSERY CLOSED - Bank Holiday
Mon 11th April	Nursery re-opens to all children
Thurs 14th April 6:00—7:00	Bookstart Treasure bags gifting evening (3 year olds)

Collecting your child

If you are going to send someone else to pick up your child, can you please let us know & make sure they have the password. If you have not let us know and they are not on your list of people who can pick up, then we will not let them take your child. Can you please also make sure they know that they need to sign your child in and out on the registers in the room and that they are over the age of 16.

Thank you

Child Illness

If your child is unwell and needs non prescription pain relief such as Calpol, Nurofen etc., they should not be brought in to Nursery until they are well enough to be here without medication. Staff are able to give prescription medication if your child has to return to nursery before the course is completed. This must be in the original bottle and box with the pharmacy's label attached and you will also need to complete a medication form which you can get from your child's Keyperson.

Red Nose Day—13th March

'Shimmy with Timmy'

- Your child can dress in red & dance their socks off to the Sport Relief song for a donation of £1.



Babies will be doing 'Bumpy's Crawl'.

World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day by asking children to bring in their favourite book to share at circle time. All children will receive their £1 book token.



Hedgehogs

This term we will be welcoming lots of new faces into the room from the owl room. Show & Tell topics will be sent out to those of you who receive emails from us, but it will also be on the 'Wow' board just inside the door—this children show great enjoyment whilst showing their items. We encourage as many children as possible to bring in items reflecting the topic.

During this term we will be doing lots of investigating of our builders trays, as the staff use their imagination to think up some fantastic ideas for all the children to explore.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or your child's keyperson.

Clare & The Hedgehogs Team



Owls

The children in the toddler room are really enjoying feeding the baby dolls and teddies, so we are going to have a teddy bear's picnic during the week commencing 7th March.

We are looking forward to sharing your child's favourite book to celebrate World Book Day during week commencing 29th February.

Caterpillars

This term we will be welcoming a few new faces and some younger children. We are excited to introduce them to Nursery life.

As I am sure you have noticed, babies use their mouths to explore—our planning takes this into consideration and this term we will be doing a lot of edible messy play. If you would like a recipe to do at home please let us know and we will be happy to help.



This term's healthy lunchbox idea— [Fruity banana bran cake](#)

Ingredients:

100g low sugar bran flakes, 250ml semi-skimmed milk, 75g ready-to-eat apricots chopped, 50g sultanas, 40g light muscovado or soft brown sugar, 150g self-raising flour, 2 eggs beaten, 1 banana mashed

1. Put the bran flakes into a mixing bowl and add the milk, apricots and sultanas. Stir well. Cover and leave to soak in a cool place for 1 hour, stirring from time to time.
2. Preheat the oven to 180°C, fan oven 160°C, gas mark 4. Line a 900g (2lb) loaf tin with greaseproof paper.
3. Add the sugar, flour, beaten eggs and mashed banana to the soaked mixture and stir thoroughly. Spoon this mixture into the prepared tin.
4. Transfer to the middle shelf of the oven and bake for 50-55 minutes. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out carefully and cool on a wire rack.

Nursery Policies

The following policies have been reviewed at the last Trustees meeting and are available to be read in reception:-

Abusive parents; **Admissions;** Aims & Objectives; **Disciplinary procedures;** Exit interview;
Grievance Procedures; ICT; **Safe recruitment of staff;** Safeguarding children; **Smoking, Drugs**
& Alcohol; Outdoor Play; **Staff Development & Training**