



Queensway Chapel Nursery

February 2014

Newsletter



Welcome back to Nursery after the half term break.

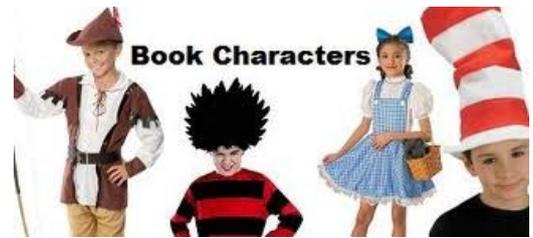
Spring is on its way and this term we will be bringing in some animals to help us to extend the children's learning—this will probably be rabbits. If anyone has any concerns about this please speak to Sue or Sharon.

Dates for your diary

Tues 4th March	Shrove Tuesday—the children will be making pancakes & doing pancake races
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day
Fri 21st March	Sport Relief
Tues 25th March 5:30 til 7:00	Parents evening
Thurs 27th March	Pyjama Drama— 'Chocolate Bunnies'
Thurs 3rd April 5:30—6:30	Bookstart Treasure bags gifting evening (3 year olds)
Fri 4th April	Last day of term (Nursery closes to term time children)
Fri 18th— Mon 21st April	NURSERY CLOSED - Bank Holiday
Tues 22nd April	Nursery re-opens to all children

World book Day

We will be looking at a range of books with the children. Please feel free to bring your children in dressed as their favourite book character.



ICT resources

Nursery has recently purchased an ICT learning package. As part of this children & parents can access valuable resources at home on the internet.

Go to www.earlyyearsworld.co.uk and click on the red 'log in' button.
The username is : dEYW003
The password is : learn

If you have any questions about this then please speak to Sue or Tash.

Registers

If you send someone else to drop off/pick up your child, can you please make sure they know that they need to sign them in and out on the registers in the room.

Thank you

SPORT RELIEF

We are going to be doing a sheeplechase obstacle course to raise funds for Sport Relief on Friday 21st March 2014. Your child can come in wearing a sports kit for a donation of £1.



Owls



The toddlers will be having fun with stories this term. We will be reading books such as the Gruffalo and extend their learning through this story and others by making mouse listening ears, character masks and many more fun things. If your toddler has a favourite book at home we would love it if they brought it to nursery to share with everyone in the owl room at story time.

Hedgehogs

During this term we will be continuing with shapes & colours, especially in the environment, as we begin to get ready for spring. We will also be focusing activities around Easter, including egg hunts and creating eggs & hats. There will also be a session with parents whose children are 3 to get their Bookstart Treasure Bags (there will be hot chocolate & biscuits and a storytelling session)



Caterpillars

This term we will be continuing to look at action songs - introducing some new songs, and learning the movements & Makaton signs that accompany them.

We will be exploring texture through play, using the treasure baskets & sensory equipment.



We are now collecting Sainsbury's vouchers again. There is a box in reception for you to put in any that you have collected.

Thank you

IMPORTANT

Can you please make sure you check your child's pockets for inappropriate items before they come to nursery.

Thank you

This term's healthy recipe idea:-

Toddler pasta

Ingredients:

300g pasta shapes; 1 small onion finely chopped; 1 crushed clove of garlic; olive oil; 1 tin of chopped tomatoes; a squirt of tomato puree; a sprinkle of chopped basil; a dash of pepper; 25g of butter; 1 tbsp plain flour; half a head of broccoli, chopped into small florets; 450ml of milk, 2 cupfuls of grated cheddar cheese

Method:

Boil the pasta following packet instructions until just tender. Soften the onion and garlic in a splash of olive oil. Then add the tin of tomatoes, squirt of tomato puree, the sprinkle of basil and dash of pepper. Let this simmer gently for about 10 minutes. Meanwhile, steam the broccoli until just tender. Add them to the tomato sauce mix and take off the heat.

Melt the butter and add the flour and mix together for 2 minutes. Then gradually add the milk, stirring continuously. Once all the milk has been added and it's simmering, take it off the heat and add half the cheese. Mix the paste and tomato sauce and pour into an ovenproof dish. Top with cheese sauce then sprinkle the remaining cheese on top and bake for about 20 minutes until melted. (This will make a large volume, freeze the remainder in child size portions)

Nursery Policies

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

Behaviour Management; ICT; Curriculum; Data Protection;
Staff development & Training; Outdoor Play; Supervision of Staff