

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

Welcome back to the final half term in Nursery, we cannot believe how quickly the year has gone!

Nursery Summer Show

The children have been very busy rehearsing for the forthcoming show which they will be performing to parents on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th June. All parents will soon receive their tickets. Thank you to parents for sending in the children's show costumes and if any costumes have not yet been sent in, please could you do so as soon as possible.



The children have been busy making their own special headdress to wear with their costume, using a range of media, and tools. We have had a variety of designs, dependent on which part they are playing in the show!

The children have been amazing at learning the songs and their individual words for our Show and are thoroughly enjoying practising for this. We are very proud of them all!

In addition to our show rehearsals this week, we have been extremely busy at Nursery. We are beginning to talk about Summer and Under the Sea. Children have been selling ice creams in our parlour, choosing their favourite flavour, asking for money and writing orders.



The children have participated in a Numeracy activity, counting and recording numbers. We have had some fantastic Numeracy skills and it has shown how far the children have progressed during their time at Nursery. Super!

Sports day

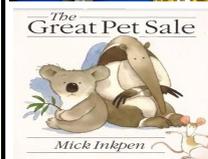
School Sports Day takes place on Friday 22nd June. Would parents please send their children to school dressed in their white PE kits on this day ready for the afternoon sports session.

All Nursery children are welcome to join the fun, therefore if children usually get collected prior to the afternoon session on this day they are welcome to stay on and join us for sports afternoon. Please could parents of morning children let Nursery staff know if they would like their child to join us for the whole day and participate in our Nursery races. We also welcome parents to come along and watch the children's races during the afternoon to offer encouragement, support the children and cheer them on! (More information to follow)

Have a lovely weekend

The Nursery Team

RECEPTION NEWS



Welcome Back! We hope you are well rested and ready to tackle the exciting term ahead. The children have arrived back into school ready to embrace the learning and have begun to fully explore the topic for this term- Pets. We have enjoyed looking at the book 'The Great Pet Sale' by Mick Inkpen and discovering the range of pets available. The children have had the opportunity to create their own price lists and information cards linked to the various animals of interest.

In Maths this week we have used the key text to delve into the world of money. The children have been exploring how to pay for different pets using different denominations of coins. We have been encouraging the children to make monetary amounts using as many different ways as possible applying their knowledge of counting. Please encourage your child to use money in everyday contexts; paying for items on a trip to the shop, using a vending /parking machine watching the money count back. These real life experiences enable you child to internalise their learning within the classroom.



Role-play can take many different forms and serve many purposes. As well as feeding the imagination and encouraging empathy, it is a powerful way of developing social skills. As well as the more formal role play situations in the classroom it is good to make room for role play where the children themselves have set the context and it is up to the adults to gently observe and support the learning. The children have been very excited about the new role play areas and have demonstrated some great use of appropriate language - 'How would you like your hair today?' (Hairdressers - RL) 'Do you have any baggage to check in?' (Airport - RWP) 'What seems to be the problem?' (Vets - RC / Pet shop - RF)



Father's Day

You will have received an invitation to our much anticipated Father's Day Bake Off Challenge to take place on Thursday 14th June at 2.30pm. Please come to the main black gate at Swallows and wait to be let in once the children have been seated. The children will be working hard to create the perfect cake within their classes ready for judgement from all Dads, Grandads and Uncles. All cake ideas are under wraps as we await to be awarded Star Bakers!

**Reminders**

Please can we request that your child's morning snack be fruit or a small healthy fruit based snack only with a bottle of water.

Please remember to send your child in with a sun hat and sun cream for the warmer weather.

Each week we have items of children's clothing that go missing. We would be grateful if you could please routinely check labels on your child's clothing to ensure they do not belong to someone else.

Please remember to return your child's Hatton Country World Trip form as soon as possible.

Key Dates

Father's Day Bake off - 14th June 2.30pm
Hatton Country World Trip - 19th June