

NEWSPLETTER



SKETCHLEY HILL MENPHYS NURSERY

FEBRUARY 2017

Well, here we are approaching Half Term already! Where has the time gone? The children have had a great time and have been learning about Chinese New Year and 'Cold', which involved lots of messy play, mark-making and exploring ice cubes, etc. Hopefully, next term's topics will have a warmer focus! As always, we would love to see and hear all about the fun things you are doing over the break, please send in photos, leaflets, etc, for the children to share with their friends and to go in their Learning Journeys.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Thank you to those parents who applied for the Parent Governor vacancy. An election will now be held. Voting papers and an envelope for returning the vote will be in your child's Book bag. Please take the time to read the Personal Statements from the applicants, which will be with the voting paper. The closing date for voting is Wednesday 22nd February, after the Half Term break. **Please vote!!!**



SPRING FAIR—SUNDAY 2nd APRIL 2-4pm



Once again it's that time of year when we start preparations for the Nursery's annual Spring Fair. This is our main fund raising project of the year and is always lots of hard work, but worth all the effort in the end! To help with the preparations we would be very grateful if you could donate any of the following items:

- ◆ Raffle prizes,
- ◆ Bottles of wine (full and empty required, with screw top lid please),
- ◆ Chocolate, particularly Easter Eggs,
- ◆ Soft Toys,
- ◆ Cakes (but not till Friday 31st March or the staff may want to eat them!),
- ◆ Books (but not bric-a-brac please).



Should you have any ideas for stalls or wish to contribute (in any way) please contact Beverley (in the office). All offers of assistance are most gratefully received! Last year we raised over £2,700, I hope this year will be even better!!

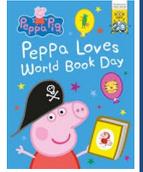
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A big Happy Birthday to all children who are celebrating their birthdays in February. We hope you have a lovely day.

TOPICS FOR NEXT TERM

After the Half Term the children will be experiencing the following:

- ♦ Favourite Characters—for World Book Day (Thursday 2nd March) the staff and children will be dressing up as their favourite characters. The children will also have the opportunity to visit the Book Fayre, over at Sketchley Hill Primary School, with a member of staff. Should you wish your child to purchase a book please send money in a named envelope.



- ♦ Pets—The fantastic Animals for Parties will be visiting the Nursery School in March and will be bringing their amazing animals for all the children to meet. More details to follow.

FAMILY EVENT—MARCH 2017

It is hoped that a Family Event will be held, prior to the Easter break. Full details will be sent home shortly.



STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS — 2017 - 9.30-11.30am

Tuesday 21st February

Friday 31st March

Wednesday 3rd May

Thursday 29th June

Wednesday 5th July

Come and join us for themed play activities, open to all children. Enjoy coffee and cake and a chance to talk to staff whilst your children play and have fun.



FOOD ADVICE FROM NURSERY WORLD

A staff member read an article, in a recent copy of the 'Nursery World' magazine, regarding food safety. (9-22 January 2017, p.11) The article warns that Doctors have reported that grapes are the third most common cause of death among under-fives, who die in food related choking incidents. Because of their softness and shape, whole grapes can block the 'small, tight' airway of a young child. The doctors advise that if giving children food such as grapes, as well as cherry tomatoes, they should be chopped in half, at least, and ideally quartered.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Nursery will close for Half Term on Friday 10th February at 3pm. We hope you have a relaxing week. The Nursery will open again on Monday 20th February at 9.15am.

Happy Holidays!



Please remember to send your children in with coats, hats and gloves so they are well wrapped up for outside activities. It would also be greatly appreciated if you could send a box of tissues in for your child, at this time of the year we have many runny noses!! Thank you.