

Newsletter 10

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Term Dates

The pre-school closes for half-term on Friday 12th February and re-opens on Monday 22nd February.

We close for Easter on Friday 26th March and re-open on Monday 12th April.

We then close on 28th May for half-term as well as for training days on 7th & 8th June. Pre-school will re-open on Wednesday 9th June.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Hedgehog Room News

Ms. Woolston has enjoyed this week, making dancing Chinese Dragons, playing with 'red' toys in the sensory tray, and getting the children to try using chopsticks to pick up noodles! They were really good at it, and we all ate some noodles.

Mrs. Arlott has enjoyed watching the children explore the toys and games - sharing and playing together.

Next term, we are really looking forward to planting and growing different bulbs and seeds - hopefully indoors and outside, if the weather is not so cold and snowy.

Mrs. Morgan has created a new game for the children to play - "What's in the box?". She has put different things inside. The children have to take it in turns to put their hand in and pull out a toy. It's great fun! This week, there were envelopes of things to smell, like coriander, dill and celery.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Return to/Starting Pre-School

If your child hasn't been attending their pre-school sessions due to the current lockdown please inform us if you would like them to return after half-term (from w/c 22nd February) or if you would prefer to keep them at home for longer.

If you would prefer to keep them at home please can you indicate how long you currently anticipate this to be. If your child was due to start with us in January and you deferred their place please let us know when you would like them to join us.



Rabbit & Squirrel Room News

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children have been so interested in this theme and have soaked up all of the learning amazingly well! We have made lanterns, tasted noodles and played with them in our water tray.

We had our own dragon dance, learnt a Chinese New Year song and had a go at some Chinese writing. Kung Hey Fat Choy everyone!



Coronavirus Guidance

Please check your child's temperature each day they are due to attend before leaving home and if this is above 38°C your child must stay at home. The following link gives advice on how to do this:

<https://www.nhs.uk/common-health-questions/accidents-first-aid-and-treatments/how-do-i-take-someones-temperature/>

If you, your child or anyone in the household show any of the symptoms of Covid-19 they must stay at home and you must inform us.

Communication should be done via phone 01954 273301 or email using clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

In addition, if your child appears to be unwell and not their usual self please err on the side of caution. You may wish to monitor them to see if any symptoms develop.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.



Spring Term Parent Consultations

During w/c 15th March you are invited to book a telephone parent consultation with your child's key person. Appointments will be 10 minute slots to discuss your child's learning, development and next steps for the spring term.

Appointments will be available between 09:30 and 11:00, 13:30 and 14:30 and 16:00 until 17:15.

Please email us using clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk to request a consultation stating your preferred day and time. Your appointment will be confirmed by email.

A Message from Mrs Arlott & Ms Woolston

It has been a great half term seeing how the Hedgehog children have developed and seeing all of their wonderful creations.

We are looking forward to exploring how plants grow next half term inside and hopefully outside if the weather permits.

We also have lots of activities planned for when we celebrate Mother's Day and Easter next half term.



A Message from Mrs Beresford



This half term I have really enjoyed starting off the phonics program with the Rabbit Group children. They have done so well at remembering all the pictures from the Read, Write, Inc. scheme and now they are learning how to speak in Fred Talk, splitting up the sounds in words.

Well done Rabbit Group - you are amazing! * * *

I have also been so pleased to see how well the Squirrel Group have settled in to their new area. They have done fantastically well at learning the new routines and are certainly having a lot of fun with all of the exciting resources on offer.

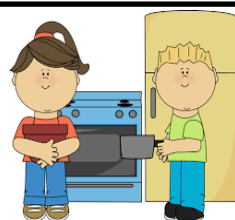
What super Squirrels! * * *

A Message from Miss Tobin

I have really enjoyed seeing the children that have come in to pre-school this half term. I had a great time playing outside in the snow where the children told me it was frosty, icy and freezing!

I also really like seeing observations sent in from parents at home using Evidence Me! Please keep these coming.

It's lovely to have the children back and they are adapting to all the changes amazingly in these difficult times!



A Message from Miss Blackwell

My favourite thing this half term has been engaging with the children in our role play activities.

We have budding chefs, hairdressers and teachers in our pre-school!!

A Message from Mrs Longford

I have loved learning about shapes with the children. It has been fascinating watching them use the shape names in their free play as well as making links and comparisons to other objects and equipment.



Zoom Story & Song Times

Thank you to everyone who has joined Mrs Beresford for her Zoom Story & Song Times the last two weeks.

Please note these won't be happening next week as it is half term. They will resume on Wednesday 24th February at 16:00.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

Here is a photo of our Chinese Dragon and one of our lovely Chinese New Year display in our entrance hall.



Ask your child if they can show you the dance they did when they were pretending to be a dragon. Can they remember how to say Happy New Year in Chinese?

