

The Lea Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

The spring term is flying by and it isn't long until half term now... Welcome to the new children and parents who have joined Lea Nursery this term. I hope your child loves their time at Lea.

Local Outings

As many of you are already aware each term we like to take children on trips in the local environment. This term all children should be going on a bus trip to Sainsbury's. So far the Meerkats and Butterflies have had a turn- here are some photos of their trips.



Here are the outing dates for next half term. Please try to be available on the day your child goes on this trip- we are only able to go on these trips if we have enough parents to help us.

Lions- Thursday 27th March

Pandas- Thursday 19th March















Kangaroos- Thursday 2nd April

Tigers- Thursday 12th March

Leopards- Thursday 26th March

Attendance

Each term we have an attendance competition for the different key groups. The key group with the best attendance gets a free trip to 'Jump In'. Our next attendance competition is well underway and at the moment the results look like this:

Morning Children	Afternoon Children
Leopards  Kangaroos  Butterflies  Meerkats  Lions  Pandas  Tigers 	Meerkats  Kangaroos  Butterflies  Leopards  Lions  Tigers  Pandas 

It could all change in the next half term if children come every single day, so please keep bringing your child to Nursery. The keygroup with the best attendance will be going on a free outing to Jump In at the end of the term.

Reporting Absence

If your child is absent please report it in one of the following 3 ways:

- Phone the Nursery on **01753 536492**
- Text the Nursery on the following number **07786208889**
- E-mail the Nursery using the address post@lea-nursery.slough.sch.uk







If your child is absent and you receive a text please either reply to this text, phone or e-mail to let us know why your child is away.

Late Arrivals and Early Collections

Please try to get your child to Nursery on time each day and wherever possible avoid collecting your child early. Children who arrive late or leave early miss out on valuable learning time. If you do need to drop your child off late or collect him/her early then please make sure you sign them in/out using the iPad at Reception.

The Library

Here are the library days for the rest of the term. Please collect your child from the Library on his/her Library day.

Pandas  Leopards  	Friday 14 th February Friday 6 th March Friday 20 th March
Meerkats  Butterflies  Lions 	Friday 28 th February Friday 13 th March Friday 27 th March

Kangaroos will visit the library on different days.

Bags

Each child has a blue bag on their peg. This bag is for you to store a change of clothes for your child. **Please use these bags rather than leaving backpacks on pegs**- these backpacks are taking up lots of space and make it challenging for children to hang their own coats up. We have also had an issue with children bring in a whole range of things in their backpacks including toys, food, medication and batteries! Please be aware that these bags are accessible to children and if there are toys and other items left inside other children might find them and use them! **We need your help to keep all of the children safe- for this reason please leave backpacks at home.**

Toilet Training

Being independent using the toilet is part of the curriculum in the Early Years Foundation Stage and this forms part of their score for Physical Development. We would like all 3-4 year olds (except those children who have significant special needs) to be toilet trained. We have a toilet training workshop on the 26th of February. If your child is not yet toilet trained then please make sure you attend this session. We would like to help you in any way we can.

Parent Governors

We need **two** new Parent Governor. The School Governing Body are a group of volunteers who help to make decisions about all aspects of the school. You don't need any special qualifications or teaching experience to be a School Governor. The most important qualities in a School Governor are enthusiasm, commitment and an interest in education. School Governors meet at least once a term and there is also a commitment to helping on one or two sub-committees. These sub-committees cover different areas like finance, buildings and curriculum. These meetings are normally in the late afternoon. **If you are interested in being a governor then please speak to me.** Parents whose children still have another year at Lea Nursery might be most interested in this role.

Steve the Music Man

Every half term Steve, a music man, comes to Lea Nursery and spends a day playing his mandolin, singing and jamming with children. Children learn a great deal in his visits- including the foundations of phonics. Here is a photograph of one of his recent visits.



Pots, Pans and Spoons

Do you have any old pots, pans, spoons, colanders or kitchen tools that you no longer use? If you do then please consider donating them to Lea Nursery for us to use in our mud kitchen and they learn a great deal when they use the space.

Dads in School Day

Friday the 14th of February is Dads in School Day. We would like to invite all Dads to come in at any point during the day. You can pop in for 10 minutes if that's all you have time for, but if you'd like to stay for longer you are very welcome to. You can come at any point during the day- we'd love to have you along anytime!

You will be able to see your child at Nursery and you'll have the opportunity to play with him/her inside and outside. Children are always very excited to have their Dad at Nursery so please do come along if you can.

Food in Nursery

We currently have several children with severe food allergies at Nursery and we need to be very aware of the foods that we have in the building. Please try to feed your child breakfast or lunch before he/she arrives at Nursery and if your child does arrive eating then please seat them at the snack table and tell your child's keyworker what they are eating before you leave.

If you bring food with you at collection time please don't give it to your child until you have safely exited the Nursery building.

OFSTED

You should have received a copy of our recent OFSTED report. If you haven't received a copy then please collect one from Reception.

One of the actions on the OFSTED report is to develop the garden area. We are interested in your views on the Nursery garden. Can you think of anything that we could provide in the garden that would support your child's learning? If you can then please feel free to make suggestions.

Half Term

Friday the **14th of February** is the last day of this half term. We are closed from the 17th to the 21st of February and reopen again on **Monday the 24th of February**.

Parent Workshops- 2020

Spring Term

Supporting Children's Developing Independence (Including toilet training, bottles and dummies.)

Wednesday 26th February

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm

Supporting Children's Behaviour

Wednesday 25th March

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm

Summer Term

Mathematics

Wednesday 22nd April

- 8:30am
- 12:30pm

Topic to be confirmed

Wednesday 3rd June

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm

How to prepare your child for primary school in September

Wednesday 1 July

- 8:45am
- 12:30pm



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Spring 2020

Term 3

Friday 14th February 2020- 'Dads in School' day

Term ends on: Friday 14th February 2020

February Holiday: Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020

Term 4

Term starts on: Monday 24th February 2020

Thursday 5th March 2020- 'World Book Day'

Friday 20th March 2020- 'Mums in School' day

Monday 23rd March 2020- eggs (with chicks inside) arriving at Nursery

Friday 3rd April 2020- 'Bunny Hop' and Easter Egg hunt

Term ends on: Friday 3rd April 2020

Spring Holiday: Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

(Good Friday - 10th April 2020; Easter Monday - 13th April 2020)

Summer 2020

Term 5

Term starts on: Monday 20th April 2020

Tuesday 21st April 2020- outing to 'Odd's Farm'

Wednesday 13th May 2020- Photographer taking photos of children

Term ends on: Friday 22nd May 2020

May Holiday: Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020

Term 6

Term starts on: Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 1st June 2020- Eid party

Tuesday 9th June 2020- outing to 'Odd's Farm'

Friday 26th June 2020- Sports Day

Wednesday 8th July 2020- outing to 'Ruislip Lido'

Thursday 9th July 2020- outing to 'Legoland'

Friday 17th July- Goodbye to leavers celebration

Monday 20th July- Teddy bears' picnic

Term ends on: Wednesday 22nd July 2020

INSET- Tuesday 21 July 2020 (Nursery is closed for children)

INSET- Wednesday 22nd July 2020 (Nursery is closed for children)