



Newsletter 1 – March 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, the staff, governors and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to Lea Nursery School.

Secondly, **we appreciate and are thankful for all the fruit contributions you have made this year**, allowing your children to enjoy snack time. This is an important time in the day where children have the opportunity to develop their: fine motor skills; understanding of healthy eating; knowledge of fruit (where it comes from and how it grows); speaking; listening and social skills (including developing and understanding relationships with others).

In addition to the above, we are pleased to announce (on the following page) some exciting events we have planned in March and would encourage you to mark these in your diary.

So far this term your children have been given a wide variety of learning opportunities ensuring that they are given the best possibility of achieving their full potential through role play they have experienced life at the supermarket, hospital, doctors, dentist, vets and health and wellbeing centre.

Your child has also been learning about multicultural events including different spring festivals and Lunar New Year. You can find a small selection of photos celebrating your children's learning at the end of the newsletter.

Some notes for next term:

- ❖ **Lost Property:** To help us reduce the amount of lost property please could we ask you to name your child's clothing. Fabric pens are a reasonably priced option for this and a quick solution. Amazon have plenty of options as well as the larger supermarkets.
- ❖ **Clothing:** Please remember we offer a wide variety of learning experiences and your child will be getting opportunities to learn in our sandpit, digging area and creative areas which can all be a little messy! To comply with the Early Years Curriculum, we have to allow your children to choose their learning experiences and therefore it would not be appropriate for us to stop them engaging in their chosen areas of activity. We recommend clothing worn to nursery school is not expensive, or their best outfits.
- ❖ **Attendance:** while we appreciate that many of our families have not been able to see close family members for the last two years due to the COVID restrictions, we would ask you to carefully consider taking your child out of nursery during term time.

Nursery School education offers important opportunities for young children's development and learning, these opportunities are ones not easily replicated in the home environment. These opportunities include developing the depth and breadth of speaking and listening skills, building relationships, challenging and offering wide experiences in developing an understanding of mathematical concepts and core literacy skills to name a few. Research shows that children who regularly attend early years education perform better academically later on in their educational journey.

Best Wishes

Linda Stay (Headteacher) & The Lea Nursery School Team



Dates for your Diary!

Spring Term Dates

Half Term	Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February
Spring Term 2 begins	Monday 28th February
Spring Term 2 Ends	Friday 8 April

Key Events Planned in March – Dates for your Diary!

Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)



Tuesday 1 March

During snack time children will be offered pancakes with their fruit (always in line with allergy information). We will also give a demonstration of how pancakes can be made, speaking about the tradition of using up our winter food stores in preparation for the coming spring and new harvests to come.

World Book Day



Thursday 3 March

We would love your child to come to nursery dressed as their favourite book character - if possible, please send your child in with the book their character is linked to – please name this item. (More information to come)

Travelling Book Fair



Monday 14 March to 18 March

To promote a love of reading and books we are being visited by the travelling book fair where you and your child will have the opportunity to purchase some books (children will be able to use their £1 World Book Day Voucher towards purchasing a book).

Red Nose Day



Friday 18 March

We would like to take this opportunity to support our wider community and ask that your child attends nursery school wearing items of red clothing and contributes £1 (which will be passed on to Comic Relief). We will be arranging some fun challenging activities on the day, such as 'Can you complete the obstacle Course?' and a 'Let's get Creative' where children will get together to create a giant collaborative art piece inked to Red Nose Day and the festival Holi.

Holi



Friday 18 March

At Lea Nursery, we offer children the opportunity to experience and learn about multi-cultural events and celebrations, allowing our children to understand their own sense of self and wider global community. This week we will learn more about Holi, and through the term we will embrace and learn about other multicultural key events and celebrations.

Chicks Arrive!



Monday 21 March

This half term we will be focusing on moving and growing linked to the arrival of spring. As part of our Personal, Social and Emotional curriculum we will introduce the children to understanding the nature of growing by allowing them to watch and experience our chicks hatch and grow.

Odds Farm



Thursday 31 March

Lea Nursery are educating off site and we hope everyone can join us for a day of learning at Odds Farm. (Should you be facing a difficulty in joining us please speak to Mrs August in our office and we can support you and your child.



Sneak Peek

While this is a small selection of pictures from the half term we will share further pictures with you at the end of the term and through your child's individual learning journals



We look forward to seeing you at Lea Nursery School after half term!