

EYNSHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Foundation Stage Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope you had a good Christmas and New Year. A special welcome to the new Nursery children who are starting this term. We look forward to meeting you and your families.

Curriculum:

We will continue to base the curriculum around children's interest and next steps. This is much more individualised, thinking about what each child needs in order to progress. We have already seen how engaged the children have been in their learning, especially writing with a purpose.

In Term 2 the younger children will have opportunities to develop their basic skills.

- Personal and social skills for example sharing, taking turns, developing independence and working as part of a group.
- Communication and Language for example gaining confidence to speak in different situations and listening in large groups.
- Physical Development for example managing their own personal hygiene and practising Fine/Gross Motor Skills.

Whilst the older children will start to focus more on

- Literacy – embarking on their Phase 3 adventure, reading and writing simple sentences
- Maths – addition and subtraction by counting on/or back, number recognition to 20 and beyond

As well as continuing to develop further their basic skills.

We will still include specific themes such as, Chinese New Year, seasonal changes as they occur and a whole EPA book focus.

Forest School:

We will be starting Forest school sessions this term – Dates for sessions are:- Wednesdays

Kingfishers –

- 10/01
- 24/01
- 07/02

Owls -

- * 17/01
- * 31/01

On these dates please ensure children have welly boots, a change of clothes and waterproof trousers/coats (if they have them)

Supporting your child's learning at home

Reading books are changed once a week. It is really important that children practise reading these books at home as often as possible. Please ensure you write in their reading record books when they have read at least once a week.

Dates for your diary Term 2

- **Wednesday 24th January** – Books at Bedtime 5.15 – 6.00pm (to be confirmed)
- **Tuesday 30th January** – eye tests
- **Friday 9th February** – End of Term
- **19th, 20th, 22nd, 26th, 27th and 28th March** 2.45-3.00 sign up and share your child's learning journey (see sign-up sheet in classroom nearer the time.)



A few reminders:

- Everyone needs wellies every day for use in the sand pit, or if the ground is wet.
- **Please, please make sure that ALL items of clothing are named – especially shoes, as several children have exactly the same style of shoes.**
- Please make sure there is only WATER in named water bottles. You may, of course, supply a separate fruit-flavoured drink in their lunch box, if you wish.
- Please remember that children are asked NOT to bring toys in from home as they can be lost or broken.
- Please remember WOW! Moment slips and boxes are available in the classrooms for your use to contribute to your child's Learning Journey.
- Please look on the Parents' boards in each class for further up-to-date information.

Travelling Toy:

We will be introducing the 'Travelling Toy' to the Nursery children in the next few weeks. The children can take turns to bring home the toy for a few days. We ask that you write in the diary what the toy has done with you, maybe adding a picture, and bring it back to school to share with the other children. There will be some notes inside the diary to help you. Thank you very much.

The School Day: (please note change of times 8:30 start 3:00 finish)

Doors are opened at 8.30 am to enable children to be ready and sitting down for registration by 8.45 am with parents leaving so that gates can be locked and school secured promptly for health and safety reasons. If you should arrive after the gates have been locked then please go to the school office and staff will bring your child to their classroom. School finishes at 3.00 pm so please ensure you collect your child on time.

If for any reason you are delayed, please notify the school office so that we are able to reassure your child you are on your way or that someone else may be collecting them. If you know in advance that someone else will be collecting your child please fill in the details in the 'collection book' found in each classroom.

Nursery children

If you are picking up your child at 11.30 then please go to the school office where staff will bring your child to you. If you are dropping your child off at 12:00 for an afternoon session please take them to the school office where a member of staff will meet you. Please speak to your child's teacher if you need to make individual arrangements.

Nut allergies:

Please may we ask that parents do not put any 'nut' products in lunchboxes, e.g. peanut butter, dried fruit & nuts, to minimise the risk to children with nut allergies. Thank you very much for your understanding.

Voluntary Donations and Belongings:

We ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p per week towards cooking ingredients and incidentals. You may prefer to pay termly and money boxes and lists are displayed in the classrooms. From time to time we will be asking for specific items please see parent boards for details.

We look forward to a busy and exciting time ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mr Richard Gidlow	Reception Teacher – Kingfishers
Mrs Paula Emmett	Reception Teacher – Owls
Mrs Rebecca Butler-Miles	Early Years Support Worker
Mrs Emily Neath	Early Years Support Worker
Mrs Dana Lau	Foundation Teaching Assistant

