Spring Newsletter 2023

A big welcome to all the new children who have started over the past few weeks!

Hope you have a lovely time making lots of new friends!

**Door Safety**

Please ensure that when you enter / leave the nursery that the big door closes fully behind you

**Do not** hold the door open for anyone

**Arrivals / Departures**

When ringing the bell to enter the nursery please be patient. It’s not always convenient to answer the door straight away when we are looking after the children. We do hear the bell and we will answer.

**Dates for your diary.....**

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day, dress as your favourite character!

W/C 27th March – children who attend funded hours only – off nursery

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April – Funded / term time children off nursery

Friday 7th April Good Friday - closed

Monday 10th April – Easter Monday – closed

Thursday 27th April – Parents Evening 6pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 27th April – Paolo Loraso Photographs

**30 Hours Funding**

If your child turns 3 before 31st March don’t forget to apply for your 30 hours funding!

**Fee Increase from 3rd April 2023**

From April 2023 the nursery fees will be increasing. This is necessary to sustain the increased staffing costs, and rising expenses.

The fee increase will be as follows:-

Full time place - £254.25 (£50.85 per day)

Full day - £56.50

Additional hours:- £10 per hour

Consumables:- £10 per day (funded children only)

New standing order details will be given out during March to be set up for 3rd April 2023.

Please ensure that all fees are paid at the beginning of the month, thank you.

**20% Discount** if you use

Tax Free Childcare!

Go to

www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

**Give your Dummy to the Easter Bunny!**

Over Easter we will be encouraging children to give their dummy to the Easter Bunny! There will be a ‘dummy tree’ in the hall where your child can hang their dummy, in exchange for a treat!

**Contact Details**

Please keep us updated if any of your contact details have changed

**World Book Day**

We will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March 2023.

Your Child can wear clothing with their favourite character on it or a costume if you'd prefer!

**Nursery Absence**

Please remember to contact the nursery before 10.00 am if your child is not attending. In line with our Welfare Policy the staff will give you a call by 10.30 am if your child has not arrived.

**Toys from home**

The nursery cannot be held responsible for toys that are brought into the nursery from home. Please encourage your child to leave toys in the car.

**Staffing**

We would like to wish Margaret (the cook) all the best as she retires on 7th March. Margaret has been cooking lovely meals for the children & staff for over 20 years!

Happy Retirement!

Due to the increase in new children starting the nursery we would like to welcome the new staff who have / are joining the nursery, Lisa in the pre-school room, who has joined Jane. On 27th February Lucy is joining Joanne and Molly in the toddler room and Tia is our new apprentice joining Jane and Lisa in the pre-school room.

We look forward to welcoming them to our team!

**Partnership with Parents**

Once a term your child will come home from nursery with activities / paperwork / “I Can’s” that require parents to complete and return. Please can you make sure these are returned as soon as possible so they can be put into your child’s Learning Journey or displayed on the boards.

**Red Nose Day**

On Friday 17th March it is Red Nose day, children & staff can dress in ‘red’ for the day for a minimum £1.00 donation which will go to the charity!

At The Croft we are committed to continuous improvement and would like to ask you about your experience at the nursery. We are always open to suggestions that you may have to enhance your child’s experience. If you haven’t already, please review the nursery on **daynurseries.co.uk**

**Thank you for your continuing support**