Spring Newsletter 2024

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

We 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.

**Contact Details**

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

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

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day, dress as your favourite character!

Sunday 10th March - Mothering Sunday

Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April – Funded / term time children off nursery.

Friday 29th March - Good Friday - closed.

Monday 1st April – Easter Monday – closed.

Tuesday 16th April – Parents Evening 6pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd May – Paolo Loraso Photographs

**Fee Increase from 1st April 2024**

You recently received a letter regarding the fee increase, including additional information about funding for working parents.

New standing order details will be given out during March to be set up for 1st April 2024.

All fees must be 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

 To check eligibility

 for funding go to

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

**World Book Day**

We will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. We will be reading lots of new and our favourite stories.

Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite character!

Don’t forget to collect your free Book Token from nursery!

**Red Nose Day**

On Friday 15th 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!

**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!

**Staffing**

We would like to wish Diana (the cook) all the best as she retires in April. Diana has been cooking delicious meals for the children & staff for over 22 years!

Happy Retirement!

A big welcome to Jennifer our new Nursery Cook, and Megan who has joined our 2-3’s room.

We look forward to welcoming them to our team!

**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.

**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.

**Car Parking**

As of Monday 11th March, the large gates on the car park will be closed between the hours of 09.30 – 15.30. Please park at the front on Lancaster Road between these hours, and walk through the gates, closing them behind you. If you arrive to collect after 17.45, please park on the road at the front this ensures that staff can lock the gates at 18.00

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!**