



Big Nursery Newsletter March 2021



Term dates

Friday 2nd - Friday 16th April - Easter holidays

Monday 3rd May- Bank holiday

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - May half term

Monday 12th July - Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 21st July - Teacher Training Day

Thursday 22nd July - SUMMER HOLIDAYS



PLEASE NOTE - CHANGE OF TRAINING DAY

Our training day has changed from Tuesday 4th May to Monday 12th July.

Nursery is open on Tuesday 4th May.

Nursery is closed Monday 12th July.

Goodbye

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Cashmore our Early Years Apprentice who will be leaving us after Easter to take up a new post in another Nursery, We wish her every success in her new role.



Parker Poundasaurus

We would like to say a big thank you for all the voluntary donations we have received. If you would like to give a voluntary contribution of

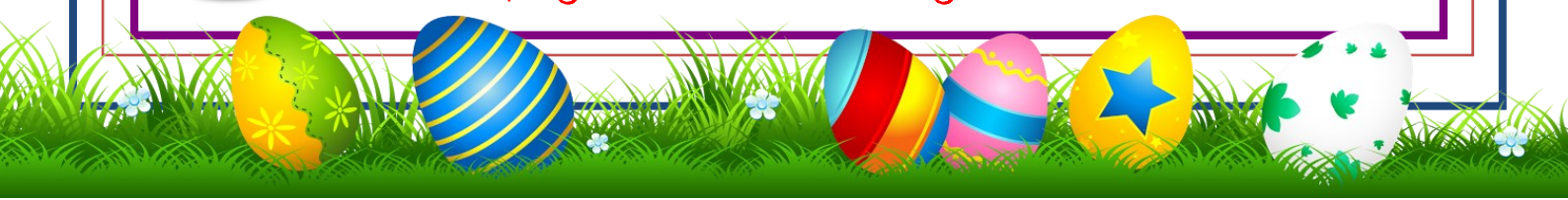


£1 per week, children are welcome to feed Parker Poundasaurus to help raise money for nursery funds for special activities like 'Growing Day' and to buy new resources for the children to enjoy. Parker Poundosaurus will join us in Nursery at the beginning of sessions and will be located outside Nursery, so please come and say hello.



**We break up for Easter on Thursday, 1st April
and return on Monday, 19th April.**

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.



Teaching and Learning

It is great to welcome all children back to nursery and the children have particularly explored outdoor learning in the garden. They are enjoying moving freely with friends and developing their gross motor skills as they climb, push wheeled toys, build dens, play games of hide and seek and develop imaginary play experiences with their friends. Children have embraced changes in the weather, as they have splashed in puddles and created mud-pies and then sat on deckchairs and read books in the sunshine.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

4 MARCH 2021

For World Book Day at nursery we provided lots of book sharing, story activities & imaginary play experiences. We hope you enjoyed the new booklet that we produced called 'Information for Parents on Literacy in the Early Years Foundation Stage' and had the opportunity to try out some of the fun learning activities together with your child at home.

For Chatter Matters week the theme is 'Build it up together'. We will be supporting communication and sharing our strategies through constructive play. The children will get the opportunity to engage in using blocks, recyclable resources and natural loose parts to create. Teaching staff will support children to develop their communication and language skills through using the following time to talk strategies:

- Be face to face
- Follow the child's lead
- Wait for eye contact
- Reduce closed questions
- Give praise
- Match and add
- Repeat, repeat, repeat
- Use gestures, signs, pointing and facial expression
- Slow down and simplify.



Marley and Bob

Marley and Bob are our much loved Big Nursery Guinea Pigs who have been loved by the children in Big Nursery for 5 years now. Very sadly Marley died during the last lockdown. We have decided that due to his age, Bob will now retire from Big Nursery and live out his retirement with a member of staff. Thankyou to both Marley and Bob for being such lovely little characters and providing so many happy memories for both staff and children.



If your child is absent

Please remember to contact the Centre on the day your child is going to be absent, you can either:

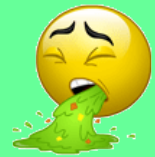


Telephone **02476 383708**

Text **07511 213751**

(please ensure you put your **child's full name** and the **reason for their absence** in the text)

They should be at home until you feel they are well enough to come back to school. In the case of **sickness and diarrhoea** please make sure your child is symptom free for at least **48 hours** before returning to Nursery.



Please could you **make sure all your phone numbers are up to date** if not please let the office know of any changes.

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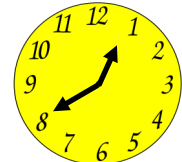
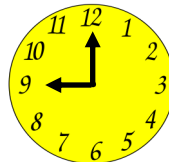
Just a reminder can you please phone **02476 383708** or contact the parents email address: **parents1041@welearn365.com** if your child is having to self-isolate or tests positive.



Session Times

Nursery sessions begin at:

- ⇒ **9.00am for the morning session**
- ⇒ **12.40pm for the afternoon session.**



Please make sure you are on time for the start of sessions as this does have an impact on teaching time.

School Bags

Please can all children in Big Nursery using the red nursery bags provided (*see photo opposite*). Please make sure all bags are named and contain a change of clothes for your child.

January 2021 Starters

If your child started in January and have not yet received their bag, please see Mrs Phillips.



The Solihull Approach (NHS) have launched a **NEW** online course!

How do I access?

www.inourplace.co.uk

What's the code?

If you haven't used it already here is the access code for all the online courses (funded for residents of Warwickshire): **BEAR**

If, like many parents, you have already used this code, log into your account [here](#) and this course will be ready in your dashboard to start whenever you are ready.

Can I tell my family and friends?

Absolutely! Share the news with other families in the area so that they too can take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

How long is it?

There are 7 modules which each take about 5 minutes to complete and will benefit from time to digest in between.

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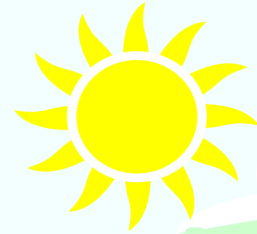
...you might like the bigger 'Understanding your child' or 'Understanding your child with additional needs', or other courses in the series. www.inourplace.co.uk



Well being corner

Try to focus on learning this time as one of the 'Five ways to well-being'

1. Take notice
2. **Keep learning**
3. Connect
4. Be active and be creative
5. Play



Keep learning

Don't be afraid to try something new, rediscover an old hobby or sign up for a course. Take on a different responsibility, fix a bike, learn to play an instrument or how to cook your favourite food. Set a challenge you will enjoy. Learning new things will make you more confident, as well as being fun to do. You may then want to spend time with your child cooking or mending broken toys, drawing, sewing or painting.

Makaton signs of the Month March

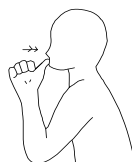
We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.



We are proud to say we are Makaton friendly



Apple



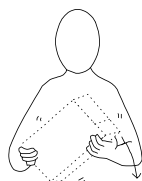
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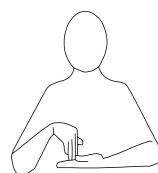
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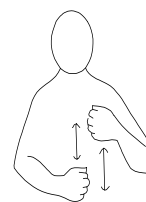
Orange



Cereal



Cheese



Milk

Advice & Support


South Warwickshire
NHS Foundation Trust

Warwickshire Health Visiting
TEXT Chat Service

**ADVICE &
SUPPORT**
for parents of
pre-school children
in Warwickshire

TEXT:07520 615293
9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday

We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only,
which will be charged at your normal rate.

THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY SERVICE
For urgent medical attention please contact your GP or call 111 or 999

CHAT Health

A texting advice service for parents and carers of the pre-school child.

If you have any questions about your pre-school child, or your own health and well-being you can use our texting service 07520 615293 anytime. A health visitor will aim to text you back within 2 hours in normal working hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays).

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Family Support Drop In for advice for all families in Warwickshire

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

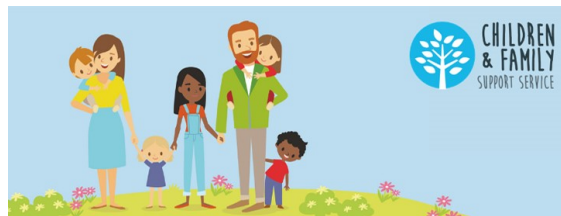
Duty Line 01926 412412
9am – 4pm Monday – Friday



Family Information Service (FIS)

We provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare health and wellbeing



Phone: 01926 742274

Website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>