

Big Nursery Newsletter

January 2021



Term dates

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February - February half term

Friday 2nd - Friday 16th April - Easter holidays

Monday 3rd May- Bank holiday

Tuesday 4th May - Teacher Training Day

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

Wednesday 21st July - Teacher Training Day

Thursday 22nd July - SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Remote Home Learning

We will be supporting our families with Remote Home Learning should your child have to self-isolate. This will be provided by text links to our Stockingford Nursery School website – www.stockingfordnurseryschool.co.uk where daily activities and weekly 'Making Memories' challenges will be posted. Information will also be provided on our Stockingford Nursery School Facebook page. Please feel free to contact us with any questions and to share photographs of home learning by using our parents email – parents1041@welearn365.com



Emergency School Closure

We will text parents and put it on Facebook. You can find further information on:



IMPORTANT

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/emergency-school-closures-1>



REMINDER

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.



Teaching and Learning

Thank you to all of our families for engaging with the remote learning activities that we have provided. It is great to see so many of you accessing our Daily Learning Activities and weekly Making Memories Challenges that we have posted on our Stockingford Nursery School website. Please continue to share your fabulous learning photographs to our parent's email address at parents1041@welearn365.com



We appreciate that this may be a challenging time for many families, so we don't expect children to complete all of the activities but to select favourite activities of interest. We have tried to provide a range of activities for a diverse range of children's needs, interests and by thinking about resources you may have accessible at home. The activities are often practical for parents/carers to engage in together with their child or other siblings.



The RSPB Bird Watch Week has been a particular success and has helped children to begin to identify different types of birds, feed the birds and learn more about their characteristics. You should soon be receiving your 'Owl Babies' packs that will help you to extend this learning linked to one of our favourite nursery stories. To watch live streams of bird watching, find out more information and for a storybook and activities please visit the RSPB website:



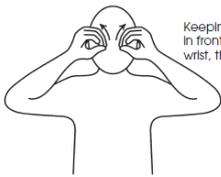
www.rspb.org.uk

Makaton signs of the Month January

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



We are proud to say we are Makaton friendly

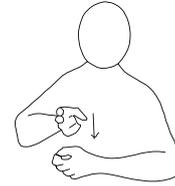


Keeping handshape in front of eyes, rotate wrist, thumb forward

Owl



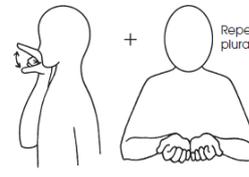
Bird



Egg



Baby



Repeat sign to indicate plural

Nest (Bird Nest)

British Values - Rule of Law

Rule of Law is linked to Managing Feelings and Behaviour in the Early Years Foundation Stage, which is part of Personal Social and Emotional Development. We need to support children in understanding their own behaviour and how it can impact upon others. At Stockingford Maintained Nursery School, we follow expectations, policies, procedures and routines. Children are supported to understand and adhere to the expectations and boundaries in our Nursery. Some of our expectations include 'kind hands', 'listening ears' and 'tidy up time'. We also support children to develop skills of sharing and turn taking. We reinforce this through Makaton, Communication in print symbols and through modelling. Children are supported to begin to understand their own & others' behaviour and to think about consequences and learn to distinguish right from wrong. Teaching staff are keen to encourage children to make positive choices, so their setting is a happy and safe place for them to learn and thrive.



NHS
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).

Please note we support messaging from UK numbers only, which will be charged at your normal rate.

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>

Well being corner

Try to focus on being active 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

Being active is great for your physical health and fitness, and evidence shows that it can also improve your emotional and mental wellbeing such as depression and self-esteem. We often think that the mind and body are separate but what you do with your body can have a powerful effect on your wellbeing.

Being active doesn't mean you need to spend hours in the gym. Think about some physical activities that you enjoy and fit more of them into your daily life such as going for a walk or running, cycling, play a game, gardening, dancing, yoga exercising or aerobics.

Being active for children is also really important both for their health and wellbeing. Here are some ideas for them to stay active:

Physical activity ideas for under 5s

All movement counts. The more the better.

- playing with blocks and other objects
- messy play
- jumping
- walking
- dancing
- swimming
- playground activities
- climbing
- skip
- active play, like hide and seek
- throwing and catching
- scooting
- riding a bike
- outdoor activities - skipping

Most importantly, discover a physical activity you enjoy and that suits your level of mobility and fitness and remember, "No-one can give wellbeing to you. It's you who has to take action," (Professor Stewart-Brown).

