



**Newsletter**  
**Spring Term 1<sup>st</sup> Half**  
**January – February 2022**

Welcome back to Pre-School – we hope you had a fun half term break (despite the weather). Our curriculum this half term is going to look at different occupations. Our weekly focus topics include:

w/c 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Chef/cook, healthy eating  
w/c 28<sup>th</sup> Feb: Magical Worlds  
w/c 7<sup>th</sup> March: Deliveries  
w/c 14<sup>th</sup> March: Creative Industries  
w/c 21<sup>st</sup> March: Emergency Services  
w/c 28<sup>th</sup> March: Easter

We will also be marking a number of festivals over this half term including Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day), 1<sup>st</sup> March; St David's Day (also 1<sup>st</sup> March); Purim (16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March); Holi (17-18<sup>th</sup> March); St Patrick's Day (17<sup>th</sup> March); Mother's Day (27<sup>th</sup> March) and, at the end of term, Easter.

**Food week (w/c 21<sup>st</sup> Feb):** as part of our look at healthy eating we encourage all families to ensure that children have a healthy balanced breakfast before they come into the setting. Children who eat breakfast are set up for the morning and focus on the daily activities we offer rather than on sitting to eat. If you need advice or support on balanced meals, there's lots of information on the NHS Live Well/Eat Well pages: [Eat well - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk). If the cost of living changes have caused household difficulties and access to the local food-bank would be helpful, please have a quiet word with Janet or Louise. We can make the referral if necessary.

**Dressing Up Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> March (World Book Day):** as part of the exploration of magical occupations, the children are welcome to come to Pre-School wearing dressing up on 3<sup>rd</sup> March (World Book Day). Please *do not* buy anything new especially for the day. We will also do our best to keep your child's dressing up in good condition but we will have all our usual activities and we cannot guarantee that items will not get wet, damaged etc. If your child does not want to dress up, that's fine. We will also have dressing up available at Pre-School.

**Sponsored Event: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March.** As part of the celebration of Holi, and as we explore creative industries, we will run our annual sponsored event on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The money raised will go towards end of year celebrations in July; and to renewing resources. More details to follow shortly.

**Marvellous Mums, Gorgeous Grans, Awesome Aunties... Mother's Day Stay and Plays, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** we will welcome the lovely ladies in your child's life for our next two Stay and Play dates at the end of this term. No more than one adult per child per day, please – and in a change to last time – we will be asking you to sign up for a date in advance. This is to help us manage numbers. Sign-up will be easy and quick (by email) up to the day before and you can change your mind. More details to follow – keep an eye on Facebook and Tapestry Memos. The men in your child's life will get a turn to come in around Father's Day.

**COVID Update:** Changes to the law on self-isolation came into effect on 24<sup>th</sup> February. This means that individuals with COVID 19 are now advised to remain at home for at least 5 days. The Pre-School will continue to follow this advice. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, or tests positive, please keep them at home. You can start to lateral flow test from day five after the onset of symptoms/positive test result. Children who receive two negative lateral flows taken on consecutive days after day five are welcome to return to Pre-School if they are well enough.

**Destinations Sept 2022:** We start our place planning around this time of year. All parents have received an email asking about their preferences for September. If your child is eligible to return to Pre-School next academic year (ie: is *not* due to start school), please let us know if you want to retain their place. If you have any questions, please have a word with Janet or Louise.

**Next Meeting Committee Meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 8pm,** The Lounge, Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

**Diary Dates:**

**Last Day of Term:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 12 noon.

**Summer Term starts:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 9.00 am

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