

Welcome to the third edition of Rise and Shine's Newsletter. What an enjoyable term so many things we have celebrated. Time really has flown by and our children are continuing to progress in their learning.

'We were privileged this term by a visit from Sally Rowe Cooperate Director for Children & Learning along with Gordon McCulloch Early Years Commissioning Manager. Sally had an opportunity to meet the team and spend time with the children. Children even enjoyed a interactive story time session delivered by Sally.'

## Half-Term Holiday

The nursery will be closed from Friday 27th March for the end of term and will re-open Tuesday 14th April 2015. We would like to wish all our children and parent/carers a safe and enjoyable break.



## World Book Day

We all enjoyed World Book Day on the 5th of March. It was amazing to see so many children and staff all dressing up as their favorite book characters. We shared our favorite books. We saw Harry Potter speaking with Alice from Wonderland, little Miss Giggles playing with pirates, and there were quite a few witches princesses, red riding hoods, monsters and super hero's. Thank you to all the parents and family members who helped to dress the children up.



## Important Points:-

☺ **Suggestion Box:** This is located at reception. An opportunity for you to tell us your comments and concerns. Your suggestions will be collated every Friday and will be addressed by the nursery management team.

☺ **Reading Books:** Children must bring their reading book back every Wednesday to ensure we change their books regularly.

☺ **Dropping off and Collecting your children:** Please can we remind all our parents/carers, your children have been allocated times for their sessions and these have to be adhered to. Morning sessions 9:00-12:00 and afternoon 12:30-3:30. Children must be dropped and collected at their appointed start and end time of each session unless in an emergency and this must be notified prior to arrangement.

☺ **Snack Money:** Must be paid first week back after the holidays, (6 weeks - £6.00).

☺ **Inset Day:** The nursery will be closed on Mon 13th April for staff training.

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## Jolly Phonics

This term the Pre-school (3yrs+) children have covered the following sounds 'i' 'p' 'n' along with the previous 's' 'a' 't'. If you could continue to encourage and help your child practice these during the school holidays.

A soundtrack is available on 'youtube' type in Jolly phonics in the search engine and practice with your child at your own pace.

## Comic Relief

The nursery also participated in fundraising for Red Nose Day on the 13th March. Children and staff wore something red and donated £1 to Comic Relief. The staff organised a 'Bake sale' and in total we raised £220.

Afsa Azam our nursery practitioner raised a total of £150 through her sponsored Blind fold. She spent a whole day being blind folded at the nursery. The children were extremely helpful in guiding her through her day, demonstrating how important it is to help those in need of our support. A huge thank you for all your donations!

## Still to Come...

### Star Pupil Award

We have taken a new initiative to highlight the hard work, effort, and good behaviour the children display at nursery for all to recognise and appreciate. At the end of every week two children will be nominated to become star pupil, one child from the toddler room (2yrs+) and the other from the pre-school room (3-5yrs).

They will be awarded a certificate and a pencil for their achievement, they will become the designated room helper throughout the following week. A photograph of the star pupils will be displayed at our reception for everyone to see.

### Fathers Olympic Challenge

Yes dads! this ones for you. Come and join your little ones for a session of sports activities. Date to be confirmed next term.

### Secret Garden

The nursery has extended its outdoor facilities to accommodate for a horticultural/play garden. It is near its completion and will be fully functional after the holidays. This allocated space will be the nursery 'Secret garden' where children explore nature, growing, watering and digging and learning through play.

### Trip to the Luton Library

We will be organising a nursery visit to the Luton Library with both the Toddler and Pre-school children. Parents will need to accompany their children during this visit. We hope to walk there and back from the nursery. Date to be confirmed next term