

WELCOME

Our themes this half term are The Farm, Mother's Day and Easter. We will be creating displays, making cards and learning songs for the different themes. We will also be looking at young animals and plants and observing how they grow. We will also be observing how chicks hatch and grow and lifecycles.

Afternoon children are now going into the assembly with Reception this half term.

We have sent out 2Simple Learning Journeys by email to all parents, if you have not received it please see your child's Key Person.

We have sent out a letter concerning Coronavirus and if any parents have any questions please see Mrs Perigo.

We hope for the parents that attended the School Readiness Presentation that they found the talk given by Mrs Price and folder useful, for parents that didn't attend but were given a folder, please see staff if you have any questions about the contents of the folder.

We look forward to seeing lots of parents or other known adult at the Pop In School Readiness sessions that begin this week in Pre-school, please see the letter that was given out last week for information about these sessions or speak to a staff member.

Please return 20x 20 coin cards to get a personal certificate, a Freddo Frog and a chance to win 5 picture /story books this completion runs until 20th March.

World Book Day sponsored challenge sheets have been given out and should be returned with sponsor money by 20th March, there is also the opportunity to create a World Book Day potato for a competition that is being held in school.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day for Pre-school will be on Friday 6th March, we are inviting all children to dress up as a favourite book character and to bring in a copy of their favourite book (please label with child's name). Children will be given a book token so that they can use it to purchase a book and we have invited Guest Readers to share a story with the children. Please send in pictures of you sharing a book with your child to the 2simple app which some parents are already using, thank you, please see page 3 of this Newsletter about sending observations to the app.

BRING A PLANT WEEK

During the week beginning **16th March** we are asking for donations of plants (herbs, flowers, small shrubs, bark, soil and gravel) so that we can start to brighten up our outdoor area including the Mud Kitchen, we would also welcome garden ornaments and packets of seeds, thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY

All children will take part in the Mother's day assemblies on **Friday 20th March at 9am** in the school hall along with Reception and **2.30pm** in the hall also but not with Reception. **Please could 30 hour parents inform staff which assembly they will be attending.** The children will sing some songs and hand out presents to Mummy's. **Children who do not attend Pre-school on this day are welcome to join the assembly.**

EASTER CRAFT SESSION

We are inviting a parent or another family member to support their child in our Easter Craft Session on **Tuesday 31st March at 10.30am** for the morning children and **2.15pm** for the afternoon children. 30 hour children parents need only attend one of these session. Children and adults can make Easter cards and take part in other Easter craft activities. Children will sing some Easter songs at the end of the session. Both sessions will be held in the Pre-school room.

Children who do not attend Pre-school on this day are welcome to join the craft session but will need to be brought along at the start of the session.

We are taking part in the whole school Mufti on Thursday 2nd April.

REMINDERS

- It is every parent's responsibility to check their child's hair on a weekly basis so that head lice can be spotted early, the following information was taken from www.nhs.uk
- Keep us up to date with changes to telephone numbers so that we can contact you with text alerts.
- **WOW** cards are available from the basket by the Register for you to write on and bring back to school where they will be displayed on the WOW board
- A weekly activity sheet is displayed on the Pre-school door and on the school website that will inform you of the proposed activities for the week; this will include any special events, home links, visitors and the colour, shape, sound and number of the week.
- We ask for a weekly contribution of £1.00, this will provide cooking ingredients, Café snacks and resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children access. This can be paid weekly, half termly, termly or for the year.
- **Water only in bottles please**

DONATIONS

Bags of flour, pasta, rice that can be used for sensory activities

Dressing up clothes 3 years and up

Hats for dressing up

Waistcoats for dressing up

Handbags, purses for dress up

Dolls prams and pushchairs

Glass frames with lenses taken out

Used birthday cards for cutting

Shoe boxes, cereal boxes, yogurt pots, kitchen roll tubes etc for junk modelling

Artificial flowers

Mud Kitchen donations of cake tins, jugs, spoons, kitchen utensils, saucepans etc



DIARY DATES

Spring 2 2020	Theme-Farm Animals and Growing
Week 2 2nd March	Mon 2 nd March-School Readiness session @ 11.25am and 2.55pm Tues 3 rd March-Stourbridge Library Visit with parents Weds 4 th March-Welly Weds Fri 6 th March- World Book Day
Week 3 9 th March	Fri 13 th March-School Readiness session @ 11.25am and 2.55pm
Week 4 16 th March	BRING A PLANT Week in Pre-school or other garden resource Tues 17 th March-School Readiness session @ 11.25am and 2.55pm Weds 18 th March-Welly Weds Thurs 19 th March-Reptile Visit (am only) Friday 20 th March- Mother's Day Assemblies @ 9am (with Reception classes) and 2.30pm
Week 5 23 rd March	Weds 25 th March-School Readiness session @ 11.25am and 2.55pm
Week 6 30 th March	Tues 31 st March -Easter Craft with parents 10.30am and 2.15pm Weds 1 st April- Welly Weds Thurs 2 nd April-Main school's Easter Craft Day-Mufti for Pre-school also for a donation Fri 3 rd April-School closes for Easter Holiday Send out 2simple Learning Journeys to parents

2SIMPLE OBSERVATIONS

We really appreciate parents sending pictures from home to share with the group, there are two ways of sending pictures for children's 2simple Learning Journeys that can be used from now on please,

Replying to the 2 build a profile email

1. Open up the email that was sent from 2 build a profile that contains the learning journey
2. Click on reply
3. Insert a photograph
4. Type in text to accompany the photograph
5. Press send

Or

Compose a new email to 2 Build a profile

1. Access email account that 2 build a profile emails are sent to (without this 2 build a profile won't recognise the email assigned to the child)
2. Compose a new email to inbox@2buildaprofile.com (can put child's name as subject but I don't think that's essential)
3. Insert photograph
4. Type in text to accompany the photograph
5. Press send