

Newsletter February 2023



What a busy and fun half term we have had. The children have shown a real interest in counting and number recognition. To foster the children's love of reading, our group times have focused on the use of story sacks. These have been a great hit with the children.

Stories such as The Gruffalo, The Enormous Turnip and we have even had a puppet show with the Three Little Pigs. With this in mind we are looking forward to taking part in World Book Day In March where we can dress up in our favourite costumes and enjoy stories together.

There are many benefits to using story sacks such as extending children's vocabulary, supporting interactions and promoting communication skills. This is a great starting point for children to progress to their own story telling.

We have had a visit from the Hampshire Police and the children were delighted to have the opportunity to have a look in the Police van and got to sit in. They even had a go at turning the sirens and lights on and off

We have so much to look forward to with Valentine's Day approaching where we will be talking about those that are special to us and why.

For Shrove Tuesday we will be cooking pancakes and seeing how high we can make them fly before covering them with tasty treats and sitting down to eat them for snack.

We will be experimenting in the kitchen after Half Term so please let us know if there have been any changes in your child's dietary needs.

Have a wonderful Half Term Break and don't forget to share any activities you get up to with us via Tapestry

Parent Parking

We have been advised by St Marks that a number of our parents are using the car park without authorisation.

Random checks will be made going forward and it is likely that a Traffic Warden will be present on occasion on the main road

Communication

Correspondence to parents is submitted via Tapestry with notifications displayed on our Notice Board outside of the setting. Tapestry is a wonderful tool which enables us to share information with you and also for you to share with us. We love to see what you get up to with your little ones so please share your pictures.

'Our Facebook page is back up and running. This is a private group for parents of the children attending Dandelions.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115806793754762>
2 Dandelions community pre-school

If anything has changed at home ie; contact details, doctors or in your child's health including allergies please do let us know so that we can keep our records updated.

Things to remember

If your child is showing any symptoms such as temperature, upset tummy or generally feeling unwell and you feel that they may need calpol or other medication please do not send them into preschool. If your child requires any form of medication at home can you please ensure you update us even if this is a short course of antibiotics.

Please don't forget to inform us if anyone else is going to be picking your child up from pre-school. We will require a password.

Please remember to label children's coats, jumpers, wellies, lunch bags, drink bottles etc.

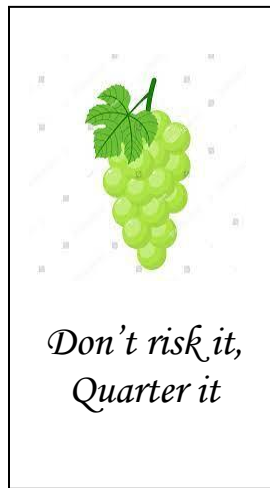
Lunch Time

In a bid to encourage healthy eating patterns from an early age, our recommendation is for no more than 3 items, for example, a small sandwich, a yoghurt and some fruit to be in their boxes.

We do not permit nuts due to allergies. No peanut butter or chocolate spread containing hazelnuts or Hummus in lunchboxes and please ensure all snack bars are nut free.

Please ensure that if you are using seeded bread for your child's sandwiches that it does not contain sesame.

We also request that no raw or cooked egg should be included in your child's lunch box. We do appreciate that this can be difficult particularly in cakes and biscuits therefore if your child's lunch box does contain items with cooked egg in please notify us,



Spare Clothes

Where possible please provide a change of clothes if you know your child is likely to require them. If anyone has any spare socks/waterproof trousers that your child has grown out of we would be most grateful. As the weather is changing please remember to bring in a coat/waterproofs and wellies. The children enjoy water play so tend to get a little wet.



Friday 10th February – Last Day of Term

Monday 13th February – Half Term

Monday 20th February – First Day of Term

Friday 31st March Last Day of Term

Monday 3rd April – Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April – First Day of Term



Tuesday 21st February – Shrove Tuesday

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day
W/C 27th February – Dress up every day and
bring in your favorite book

March 14th, 15th, 16th March – Mothers Day Tea
More details to follow

Friday 5th May – Kings Coronation
Garden Party
More details to follow

Friday 21st April – EID
More details to follow

June 13th, 14th, 15th – Fathers Day Breakfast
More details to follow

Friday 21st July - Leavers Presentation
10.00 - 11.30
11.00 Parents to join



