



Dates For The Diary

Week beginning 5th June
Term Starts
Book start week

Tuesday 13th June 3.30pm
Minibeast exhibition for all children and families.

Friday 16th June
Palm and Blossom children visit Central Library

Tuesday 20th June
Induction meeting for new families starting in Willow Class in September 2017
2.00pm or 5.00pm

Wednesday 21st June
Induction meeting for new families starting in Palm Room 9.30am

Friday 7th July
Willow Class closed for the day so new children can visit throughout the day

Saturday 8th July
Barnardo's Big Toddle and Sports Day

Thursday 13th July
Willow Class educational visit to the beach at Lytham St. Annes

Wednesday 19th July
Leavers celebration event for parents and carers at **2pm in the school hall**

Friday 21st July
Willow Class and term time only children break up for the summer holidays



Martenscroft Nursery School & Children's Centre



NEWSLETTER



June 2017

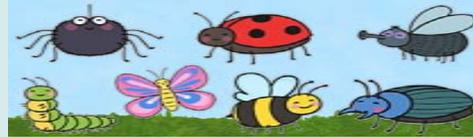


Minibeast Exhibition

Tuesday 13th June from 3.30pm

Please join us to have a look at what the children have been learning about minibeasts and share some creative activities and fun music with Katie.

All families welcome!



Term dates

The school term finishes at the end of the day on Friday 21st July

Summer holiday childcare and centre closure

We will be closed from Monday 21st August until Friday 25th August



Childcare will re-open on **Tuesday 29th August 2017**

Children's Centre Holiday Workshops

The Children's Centre in partnership with MAES will be running holiday workshops during July and August. These will include reading, healthy eating, animation, and more. Please speak to Children's Centre or Reception staff for more details.



Sports Day

(Including Barnardo's Big Toddle walk)



You are invited to Join the UK's biggest and best charity event for under 5's

This event will be held at Martenscroft on **Saturday 8th**

Big Toddle, Big Fun!

Believe in children

Barnardo's

July from 11.00am to 12.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Questionnaire

Many thanks for all your responses to the school questionnaire. The results were overwhelmingly positive and a summary will be available on our website next week. The prize draw winners for the £10 ASDA vouchers are Mohammed Ahmed in Willow room and Miah Hamza in Palm Room.



CHILDCARE PLACES

Child Care places are available for September 2017 here at Martenscroft Nursery School. You may know somebody who would like a place here, if so please ask them to contact admin staff at Martenscroft to register their child.

Thank you





Palm Room

This term the children will be introduced to our new theme about Colour.

Colour is all around us and we will be providing lots of messy play activities which will enable children to explore, experiment and find out about colours in a variety of interesting ways. This includes using cornflour, shaving foam, balloon printing, finger painting and bubble wrap printing.

The children will be learning to match, sort and name colours through fun activities such as matching coloured objects and sorting coloured keys/bobbins, as well as singing the 'rainbow' song and 'are you wearing red today?' song.



We will also focus on colour themed stories that engage children to develop their imagination, such as 'Grandpa's Handkerchief', 'Rainbow Fish' and 'Elmer'.

As parents and carers it would be great if you can build on this theme by talking to your child about the colour of their clothes as they get ready for nursery.

You are also invited into Palm Room for Plant Day on Thursday 22nd June 2017, please come along anytime throughout the day and bring a plant to help us develop our sensory area.

Grandparents are invited to join us in Palm Room on Friday 30th June 2017 to share some fun activities with the children and share their experiences of school.



Willow Room

The theme in Willow room this half term is Water. We will be taking the opportunity to talk about weather, animals that live in water, water transport and why we need water. As part of our theme we are planning an educational visit to the beach. There will be more information to follow about this. Outdoors the children will be exploring different ways to transport water, through pipes and channels, buckets and watering cans. We will also be setting up some pirate play and there will be opportunities to learn new pirate songs, make pirate ships and walk the plank!!



The children will continue to be involved in looking after our vegetables that are growing in the nursery garden and ensuring that they have enough water! Come and see the squash plants, the potatoes, courgettes and lovely herbs and flowers we are growing. In the barn the children will have opportunities to engage in craft activities to make decorations for the garden area.

The mathematics focus is simple calculation. Through games indoors and outdoors the children will be saying the number that is one more than a given number. For example if I have 3 apples in the fruit bowl and add one more how many do I have now? You can play games like this at home and also continue to support your child to recognise numbers they see when you are out and about and at home.

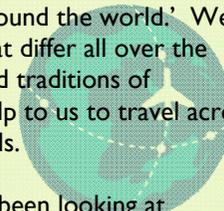
As part of our Rights Respecting Schools programme we are talking to the children about their right to have a healthy life style. In school we are asking the children to talk about their special abilities and think about what makes them unique and special. The focus for the take home bear will be sharing with your child's key person a favourite form of physical activity that they enjoy taking part in. Does your child like to play football, swim, bounce on the trampoline or use climbing equipment at the park? Take the opportunity to talk at home about the importance of exercise and good health.

Finally thank you again for continuing to bring your child's reading book to be changed and also helping your child with writing their name in the morning. We are seeing real benefits from these activities for the children.



Blossom Room

This term our theme will be 'All around the world.' We will be looking at a variety of things that differ all over the world. We will look at cultures and traditions of different countries, vehicles that help to us to travel across land air and sea and different animals.



In Cherry Blossom room, we have been looking at different types of animals that we see growing in the UK during springtime. This term we will look at different animals from all over the world and we will have an outdoor jungle undercover. We will be looking at lots of different things, especially food, from different cultures and countries. We will be using packaging from different countries in our home area role play as well as tasting some different food from around the world. We will also be looking at different types of transport that help us to travel, especially cars, aeroplanes, boats and train. Our climbing frame has also been transformed into a boat so we can sail across the sea. If you have any food packaging at home please bring it in for us. It will be greatly appreciated.

In Apple Blossom room we have been talking lots about different vehicles. This term we will look at all the different vehicles that help us to travel on holidays, day trips and get us to nursery. We will be looking at lots of different holidays and the writing area is going to be a travel agents so that we can look at brochures, write luggage tags and postcards. We will be talking about where we've been on holiday or where we've been on days out with our families. Our sensory area has changed into a jungle, where we can explore animal patterns, natural resources we might find in a jungle and different animals. We will also have a beach outdoors undercover where we can build sandcastles. Along with Cherry Blossoms, the children will be looking at different countries and cultures from all around the world.

In both rooms our book of the term will be 'Dear Zoo'. Our book areas will be dedicated to 'Dear Zoo', and the story will always be available as well as props to retell the story.



In both rooms we would also like to create photo albums of pictures of children's holidays or days out with their families. Please speak to your child's key person about where to send the pictures so we can add them to our album.