



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER 2018



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term, we hope you all had a lovely half term break!

Topic

Following the children's current interests, this half term our topic is 'Super Healthy Me'. We will be focusing on how we can keep our bodies superhero healthy. The texts we will be focusing on are:

- 'Kitchen Disco' by Clare Foges
- 'Supertato' and 'Supertato- Veggies Assemble' by Sue Hendra
- 'My Mum' by Anthony Browne



As with every topic, there will be opportunities to read and explore different texts, enhance number and calculation skills, gain a better understanding of the world around us and opportunities to express our creative skills in a variety of contexts.



Religious Education

In this half term, as we continue through Lent and begin to look forward to Easter, our theme is 'Sorrow and Joy'. This is a time when we reflect on our lives and on how the things we do affect the lives of others. It is difficult for young children to realise that we are all capable of hurting others and to know that when we do so we should feel sorry and try to be kind.

They will begin to understand that Jesus forgave those who hurt him and teaches us to forgive people who hurt us.

At home you can help by

- Encouraging your child to recognise when they have hurt someone. It is particularly difficult for young children to grasp the idea that someone's feelings can be hurt.
- Giving gentle reminders to say sorry in times of conflict, taking time to talk things over quietly so that your child thinks about what has happened.
- Encouraging your child to give some small gift to a charitable cause and explain to them what the charity does to help people.

Lenten Charity Fundraiser - Sponsored Obstacle Course

As part of our contribution to the school's Lenten Fund Raising effort, we are holding a sponsored obstacle course challenge, during the week beginning the 19th March (you will be informed of the day once weather forecasts have been established). Each child will complete a lap of the course and will be awarded with a special certificate. Hopefully your child will find sponsors for the challenge and all the money raised will go to charity.



Please return forms and sponsor money before Monday 19th March. Thank you!

Over the coming weeks a number of classes will be holding similar Lenten fundraising events. At each 'bring and buy' event we will use the treasure pot fund to purchase buns etc. So there is no need to send any additional money in; just your usual contributions to the fund. Thank you!

Big Welcome

I am sure you will join me in giving Mrs Cheetham a great big St. Patrick's welcome. Mrs Cheetham has joined the Early Years team as our morning Nursery teacher.

Reception parents conferences – Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th March

Parent conferences will be held for parents/ carers of Reception Class children on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th March. Parent conferences for Nursery Class will be held in the Summer Term. However, if you have any concerns or questions in the interim, then a member of the team will always be happy to discuss these with you.

Plea to Parents – Outdoor provision development

We are very excited to be developing our outdoor classroom. We have big plans to add new structures, develop areas and make the space more enjoyable for the children. I am now putting out a plea for your help! We would be grateful if you could donate any of the following items: tyres, pallets, pots and pans, metal utensils, buckets, piping, tubes and guttering, plastic storage racking/boxes, wooden planks. If you are able to help please can you discuss your donations with a member of the team. Many thanks in advance.

We wish you a very joyful Easter,
The Early Years Foundation Stage Team