

Spring Term 1

## Ditton Nursery School

# Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

25th February—school reopens

4th March—Shrove Tuesday

7th March—World Book Day

10th&11th March—Parents Evening

21st March— Croxteth Park Farm Trip

4th April—School closes for half term

School show rounds are taking place **every Thursday morning** for all prospective families. Please book in with the school office

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back well rested after the break.

Best Wishes,

Liane Johnson (Executive Headteacher)

## 2 Year Olds

This half term at nursery, we've had an exciting time exploring the wonders of winter. Our little ones had a frosty adventure as we explored snow and ice. They loved feeling the cold texture of the ice and were fascinated by how it melts.

In the core text this half term, *The Gingerbread Man*, the children enjoyed following the mischievous gingerbread man on his journey. Inspired by the tale, we got creative and baked gingerbread men. Then in the play dough using rolling pins, cookie cutters and their imaginations, the children made their own little gingerbread creations.

We also had an exciting visit from our local firefighters. The children had the chance to sit in the back of the fire engine and they were thrilled to try using the fire hose, it was a hand-on experience that gave them a real sense of what it's like to be a firefighter.

Our *Marvellous Maths Stay & Play* was a huge success! Families joined us to explore the world of maths and enjoyed supporting their child's mathematical development.

Finally, to wrap up this half term, our water tray turned in to a magical tea party setting" the children enjoyed filling teapots and exploring the scented tea bags, pouring imaginary drinks. It was the perfect way to finish of a half term full of exciting discoveries and activities.



## 3-4 Year Olds

We really enjoyed exploring the cold weather at the start of the year. It was so much fun making footprints in the snow and leaving handprints in the frost. We also tried to retrieve frozen toys that had become stuck in the ice. It was a great way to experience winter while playing outside! With our fantastic box Christmas tree still around, we wondered what we could do with it next. We decided to turn it into a firefighter! Everyone worked hard to paint and decorate it, making sure it looked as good as it possibly could. In the meantime, we also learned about people who help us, like doctors, nurses, and firefighters. Through role-playing and dressing up, we had the chance to become heroes ourselves. We've saved countless houses from fires, rescued cats from trees, and even treated children and staff for all sorts of illnesses!

We also had a lot of fun reading The Naughty Bus story, which inspired us to create our very own bus outside. We did our best to remember where the bus had been, and oh no, it had made quite a mess—beans, chips, eggs, and even a pond! SPLOSH!

We were lucky to have a visit from our local firefighter team. We got to sit in the back of the fire engine and spray water from the hose, which was an exciting experience for everyone. It was great to see how the firefighters work and learn about the equipment they use.

We also learned a bit about the Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated. We noticed that there were some similarities to our own celebrations, like giving presents, enjoying fireworks, and having special food. It was interesting to see how different cultures celebrate the start of a new year. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Finally, we welcomed our parents to join us for Stay and Play, where they got to see all the marvellous maths we've been learning. It was wonderful to have their support and share our experiences with them. Thank you so much for coming! □



### Stay and Play Sessions

We had a really positive response to our stay and play sessions.

You will have another opportunity in the spring term to stay with your child and see what they are doing in nursery. You can play alongside them, observe the way that staff talk to them, as well as seeing how independent they are. More details to follow on School Spider.

### Uniform.

We offer a school uniform which is available at the school office.

Navy Sweatshirt: £11      Blue Polo T-Shirt: £10

### Social Media

If you would like to find out what is happening in Nursery every week, please check out our Facebook pages for lots of photographs and exciting updates.

### Wrap Care

**Wrap care is closed during the Christmas break.**

Wrap Care during the holiday is from 8– 6pm daily.

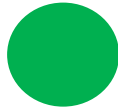
This is offered to all our children and costs can be found on our school website.

## 2 Year Old Funding

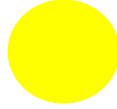
With new government guidelines, from April 2024, working parents may be able to receive 15 funded hours. To check eligibility please visit [www.childcarechoices.org.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.org.uk)  
For more information regarding places, please contact the school office.

## Attendance

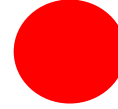
It is really important for children to come to school every day so they are not missing out on important learning and the exciting things we have planned. If your child is not well please get in contact to let us know.



Green (97%+)  
is good attendance



Amber (91-96%)  
is a cause for concern



Red (below 90%)  
is poor

## Snack money for this half-term is £10.00.

Can we remind parents that snack is in addition to your child's nursery funding so can you please also pay snack for this current half term if you haven't already done so.

**Payments can be made:** Half

Termly - £10.00 Termly - £20.00



## Payments

Can we ask that all payments (snack money, trip money etc) are paid into the nursery school bank account or through the School Spider app. Please ensure all payments are clearly identified with your child's name and details.



Full year - £60.00

## Contacts

- Tel: 01514244686 Option 1
- Email: [reception@affns.co.uk](mailto:reception@affns.co.uk)
- WhatsApp 07310 051855

## Dropping off & Picking up of children

Can we just reminder all parents and family members to follow the drop off and pick up times. The purpose of this is so the groups are not continually disturbed during the session

### Drop Off

9.00 am

12.45pm

### Pick Up

12pm

3.45pm

## Privacy Notice

Please find the privacy notice relating to data protection on our noticeboard and website.



## Disabled Car Park Spaces

Please do not park in these spaces unless you are registered disabled and are displaying your blue badge. Staff will challenge anyone who is parking here unless they can see badge displayed and you will be asked to move.



## Yellow Zig Zags – Parking

Can we ask that parents do not park outside of nursery school on the yellow zig-zags. These lines are here for a reason – the safety of all the children.

