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What's been happening?

During January & February we have been doing winter related activities. We had a lovely winter walk where we saw lots of birds & how people help to feed them in the winter months. We then made our own bird feeders to take home.



We also celebrated Chinese New Year (the year of the Ox) by making spring rolls, fans, lanterns and ox puppets.



We had a surprise visit from our local community police officers who chatted with the children and let them see their police car.

We will finish the half term by having a 'sensory' week with activities to stimulate all of the children's senses.

Topics after half-term

The topics for after half term will be frogs, new life, lambs, chicks, and finally Easter. ***We welcome topic related items your child may like to bring to share with the other children.***

Reminders to Parents



- Sickness – Please do not bring your child to pre-school if they have suffered a bout of sickness or diarrhoea. They should be clear for 48 hours before returning, to prevent passing the illness onto both children and staff. If in doubt, please call Tracey
- Please continue to put extra layers of clothing on your child to keep them warm during the inclement weather
- Family Helper Rota – Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. There are still a number of gaps; we would appreciate if you could fill these to ensure we have full coverage



General Notices

Term Dates

Spring

- Half- term – 16-20 Feb, return 23 Feb
- Easter – 6-17 Apr, return 20 Apr

Summer

- Half-term – 25 - 29 May, return 1 Jun
- Last day of term – 15 Jul

Pre-School Learning Alliance

We are in the process of the joining this alliance. To find out what this means, please ask to see the Constitution document held at the pre-school. Any objections should be raised to Sarah Forbes (tel. 880152) by **18 February 2009**.

Lunch Club

Is available to children moving on to Aston St Mary's after Easter. It runs on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 1200 – 1315 at a cost of £3/session. Pre-school staff pick the children up after school, and then parents collect at pre-school from. Please contact Tracey to book.

Uniform Requests

If you require any pre-school uniform items, please contact Jill Richmond on 07733 091345.

Bulletin Board

There are two new information sheets advising parents of the current week's small & large group activities. Each states the area of learning, aspect & aim for each age group; in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Weekly notices are displayed in the hall entrance; please review on a regular basis.



Upcoming Events

Coffee Morning

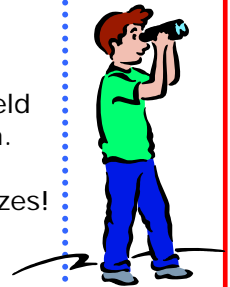
- Will be held 13th February am to present session options for after Easter & to provide information about the Beane Valley Children's centre events

Sponsored Bird Watch

- Following the success of this event last year, this will be held during the February half-term. An information pack will be provided and there will be prizes!

Summer Ball

- 27th June at the Cloisters, Letchworth. Tickets £40/person to include 3 course dinner, wine & live band. To book a table (8 people), please email summerball09@yahoo.co.uk or call 07590 763107



If there is additional information you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact the Pre-School leader or Emma Moulton (committee member).

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter by e-mail, please e-mail emma.moulton1@virgin.net.