February & March News

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 1st World Book dress up day- any book theme but if you are struggling with ideas Dolphins are having a 101 Dalmatians focus and Parrots and under 2's are having a pj theme. Children can bring in a favourite book to share with friends.

Saturday 3rd- Parrots having more wooden floor fitted within their classroom.

Wednesday 28th 9.30am-11.30 Parent's Easter Workshop- come along and join in with some Easter activities.

Wednesday 28th 1.30pm- Some children to visit the elderly to parade their Bonnets and help the residents to make their own.

Week commencing 26th- children to bring in Easter Bonnets ready to parade and show off!

We are collecting

Stones/gravel for our outside construction area.
Old electronic equipment including calculators, phones, kettles, cameras (these resources will all be made safe before use)
Any unusual sensory items- please see pictures below- the more unusual the better but we need to make sure that these items are safe to use.
We are going to be looking at revamping the under 2's unit to make it more sensorial and natural over the next 12 months.
Old records and cd's to use within displays or sensory boxes.
Anybody who has access to 'wonky' boxes that we can use within our role-play and sensory areas. Apparently, these are boxes of fruit and vegetables from supermarkets that do not look quite right and cannot be sold!
Any Happy land or Peppa Pig small world toys that anyone may be getting rid of (am happy to purchase these items)
Cardboard egg boxes for Easter crafts.

Ideas for Under 2's unit/ areas that we are hoping to create:

Cash for clothes – we are still collecting clothes to drop of at the cash for clothes center, so feel free to bring in any unwanted clothes for us to donate.

Feedback Jars

We are placing some jars in the entrance hall and welcome any feedback comments you may have, both positive and negative of things we do well and things we may be falling short on. This feedback is vital to our continuous improvement and development.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that children use all of the building and we do not want little ears to hear certain language so please when on the premises can we mind what we are all saying.	We are also looking to make some changes within our animal room due to the business of our parrot's classroom. There are a few ideas floating around which look at moving the animals and freeing the space up to have another small classroom to use as an additional space for Parrots.

Capture

All parents should be able to access their children's capture profile this can be accessed as a link from your email address or from our website kirstyslittletreasures.com. If you cannot access, please ask a member of management and we can investigate it for you. we are working towards sending these observations more often but as I am sure you can understand the children in our care come first so these observations will be sent when we can free members of staff up while keeping our ratios. Capture are in the process of making some changes that should improve the speed of uploading new observations which will greatly improve our productivity.

Times of sessions

As many of you are aware we offer a range of sessions at nursery full days, morning or afternoon. It is very important that we stick to the agreed times of these sessions as we often count children leaving as to when we can have children come in E.G child on AM session leaves at 12:30 so the PM session is available from 1:00. We do have a small gap there for potential cross overs, but this may not always be the case. Can we all ensure that we are sticking to the agreed times which will help us keep to our ratios and not have these cross overs.

And finally:

Please can we make sure we are putting our child's names in coats and other clothes that could go missing.	We do not provide nappies and wipes so do not have many spares so please can you ensure that your child has some in their draw.
Whilst in the baby unit can I remind you all that we need to take our shoes off this is to help keep the room as clean as possible.	See photos below of our latest parent workshop we had an amazing morning thank you for those that came.