



Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

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All our term dates are on our website on our 'Further reading' page.

Easter holidays: Monday 26th March - Friday 6th April

Last day of term 5: Thursday 24th May

May break: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June

Bank holidays: Monday 7th and 28th May

Last day of the summer term: Monday 23rd July

(We usually have our Leaver's Service on that day for children who are moving up to primary school, and Buddies is closed to the rest of the children)

Inset days: Friday 25th May & Tuesday 24th July

Cake sale: Wednesday 11th April

Because of the cake sale, there will be no Popcorn Wednesday in the first week back after the holidays.

Wishing all our families and friends a very Happy Easter! Enjoy your holidays and we're looking forward to hearing what you've been up to when we get back.

Summer Term, yippee!

News from the playroom

An update on some of the ways we've been learning recently.

We've been talking about how amazing we all are and celebrating our individuality. Our 'I am Amazing' project we will be continuing next term. You can take a look at the noticeboard by the messy area to see what's been going on so far. More coming soon!

We've experimented with colour mixing, predicting and testing to see what happens! Don't forget to check Tapestry for pictures of your child, and if you haven't managed to sign up yet and would like some help please see your child's key worker.

We've been enjoying the book, 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson. The children have loved acting out scenes, retelling the the story and making giants!

Our next focus book is The Three Little Pigs (oink, oink, oink!) More about our storytelling project and focus books in our next newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for your dressing up efforts for World Book Day!

Don't forget!

Important notices

Please make sure that your child always has a set of spare clothes with them in their bag, including underwear. It's not only in case of accidents, sometimes we get carried away with just being messy!

The children also need a pair of wellies for stomping about in the garden. Little feet tend to grow quickly, so please make sure that the ones we have are the correct size.

At the end of this term, please make sure that you empty your child's drawer. There may be masterpieces in there just waiting for a prime spot at home.

We want to keep everyone safe, family members too. So please always use the bottom gate at the entrance to the school.

Please note that the school drive is no longer accessible to cars due to new security measures in place at school, unless you are a blue badge holder.

We have a new lunch menu in place after the holidays. We have emailed a copy, and there's one on our website too. We should have paper copies available soon.

How you can help

We've emailed you a letter about our committee and why we need to fundraise. These are just some of the ways you can support our preschool, from shopping online, to baking and collecting spare items at home!

Easyfundraising link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/banwellbuddies/>

Please join up if you can and help us to raise funds.

Cake sale: We'll be having a cake sale on Wednesday 11th April. Please consider buying or baking us something. And definitely bring your pennies to buy some goodies on the day!

Preschool can use the following in the playroom. If you have any spare at home we'll happily take your donations!

- Cardboard boxes and tubes
- Ribbon and fabric
- Coloured paper, or anything with a texture/pattern
- Pebbles
- Flower pots
- Cupcake cases (unused)
- Unwanted flower and herb seeds for planting

Quality Improvement

We're always working hard and trying to improve what we do to make our preschool setting the best it can be for your little ones.

Social media and communications:

We're posting more often on Facebook these days. We hope that you like hearing all about what's been happening at preschool! We'd love for you to comment on our posts too, it's all about having conversations with families and listening too.

We'll also post some suggestions of activities you could do at home. Some of these will be to extend the learning outside of preschool, and some will be boredom busters for the school holidays! We're making sure that we only suggest activities that don't require anything that you can't buy easily and cheaply, or that you may already have at home. We'll post some on Facebook, but we've also created a new Pinterest account and are building some boards if you want extra ideas! Here's our link (but we'll post it on Facebook too) <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/banwellbuddies/>

Vikki and Laura have been working on updating our Safeguarding policies and procedures in line with new legislation. It was a good opportunity to complete an audit and to thoroughly review what we currently do.

Emma has been on a GDPR course and we're reviewing the way we keep and use your data. More on this next term!