

February 2020

Theme -

Our theme for February is **'Helping hands'**

We will be learning about all of the people who love and help us at home, in Nursery and in our community, as well as exploring ways that they can help others. Please continue to support your child's learning by talking to them about special people in their lives who love and help them.

We hope to be able to continue to play and learn outdoors as much as possible this month, so please remember to dress your child appropriately for the colder weather, by ensuring they bring a coat and scarf/hat/gloves daily.

Stories – This month we will be reading some information books on people who help us. If you are visiting the Library please look out for similar stories on our theme.

Visitors to Nursery –

We are looking forward to learning more about the important 'helping' roles people play in our community. If you or any of your friends or relatives have a job that involves helping others we would love to have some visitors this month! Please speak to a member of staff.

Colour / Shape–

Our colour this month is **red**. Please encourage your child to look out for red objects in their environment and encourage them to bring something red in from home for our colour table. Please ensure that all items are named – they will stay in Nursery until the end of the month when we will send them home again!

Our shape for this month is Heart. Valentine's Day should give lots of opportunities to talk about the heart shape this month!

Rock Red – Friday 14th February

On Friday 14th February we are asking all children to wear or bring something red to Nursery, along with a small donation, to support the Children's Heartbeat Trust, who has given support to one of our pupils.

'Stay and Play' Days

In the week beginning Monday 10th February we are giving the children an opportunity to bring an adult to school! Parents, carers, grandparents or child-minders can choose a day to stay and play with their child in Nursery for an hour, to see all the wonderful activities we do during our busy days! There is a sign up sheet on the Parents' Noticeboard in our entrance hall for each class. Please feel free to choose a time that suits you to come. We will limit the places to six or seven adults per day and there should only be one stay and play date chosen for each child in Nursery. Please don't worry if there are no suitable times for you this term, we will give a similar opportunity next term too!

Congratulations!

Miss Campbell, who works in the Yellow and Blue sessions, has returned from Honeymoon as Mrs. Rosborough following her wedding during the Christmas holidays. We want to wish Tara and her new husband Jonathan all the best for their future together, from everyone in our Nursery School.



Tara will remain 'Miss Campbell' to the children for the rest of the year, to minimise confusion for them!

3+ Health Reviews

There will be Health Visitors in our Nursery School from Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th February to conduct your child's 3+ Health Review. This will be a short meeting, along with your child, of around 15 minutes. There are sign up sheets in the entrance hall, to enable you to choose a day and time that suits you best – it may be handier for some to tie this in with our Stay and Play Days, to enable you to attend the review along with your child on the same day as you are staying in Nursery.

Mr. Hullabaloo

We had a great day with Mr. Hullabaloo in Nursery last week. Mr. Hullabaloo brought his dress up clothes and puppet show. We listened to stories and helped to act them out too. We have very talented boys and girls in our Nursery! Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the stars of the shows!

Getting Ready to Learn – Parents' Education Workshop

On **Thursday 27th February** we will be holding a Parents' Workshop on how playing with your child can support their learning at home, in preparation for starting Primary School. We will be giving you a free learning pack to take home to your child and also launching our home lending scheme, which will run alongside the Big Bedtime Read resources.

The Workshop will last less than an hour and we will provide light refreshments. Please try to come along!

Sickness / Attendance at Nursery

It is the time of year for bugs and viruses and we are aware that lots of children and their families have had their fair share of them this Winter! In an attempt to limit the spread of infections and for your child's wellbeing, we would like to remind parents that children who have been unwell the night before or in the morning before Nursery should not attend on that day, even if the child really wants to come. Children who have needed Calpol / Nurofen, or a similar medicine for pain relief or fever should not be sent into Nursery – this medication can provide short term relief but children can deteriorate rapidly when its effects wear off, causing them further upset.

Children who have had vomiting or diarrhoea should not attend Nursery until at least 48 hours after their last episode.

Please let us know if your child is ill with a communicable (infectious) childhood illness, as some of these need may be potentially serious for immuno-suppressed children or adults in our setting, while others need to be reported to the Health Protection Duty Room.

We would also encourage parents to check their child's hair for head lice **weekly**. Thank you for your cooperation with this as we try to keep everyone in our community healthy and safe.

Parking / Security

To help us ensure the safety of all the children in our care we would ask that parents **do not** use our Nursery Car Park during drop off and pick up times. We want to minimise the amount of traffic in our grounds while we move with the children between our indoor and outdoor learning environments.

Our Vehicle entrance gate should be kept clear at all times, as we have staff who work different patterns during the day, and for the health and safety of everyone in our Nursery School Community, to ensure that an emergency vehicle would have access in case of an emergency.

Please close the wooden Pedestrian gate after you too! Thank you 😊



Safeguarding / Child Protection

Details of how to raise a Safeguarding concern are displayed on the Parent / Carers Noticeboard in our entrance hall. Our Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs. Muir, with Mrs. Bishop as Deputy Designated Teacher and our Designated Governor for Child Protection is Mrs. Ruth Rock.

ETI Inspection

An ETI Inspector visited our Nursery School on 4th December to carry out a Pre-School Inspection. Owing to Industrial Action by the trade unions, which includes non-cooperation of teaching staff with the Education and Training Inspectorate, ETI were unable to evaluate or comment on outcomes for learners, quality of provision and quality of leadership and management in their report at this time. In line with an agreement between trade unions and the ETI, the principal co-operated with the inspection team in relation to our Nursery's safeguarding responsibilities. Mrs. Muir provided evidence that the arrangements for safeguarding the children reflect the guidance from the Department of Education.

As is the case with all Nursery Schools and Primary Schools who have been unable to cooperate with ETI due to Action Short of Strike, ETI state in their report that our Nursery is a high priority for future inspection with no further notice. The report is available at www.etini.gov.uk or in our entrance hall/from the Nursery School office on request.

We are hopeful that when the trade union disputes are resolved and we are able to cooperate fully, that ETI will be able to better evaluate and comment on the high standard of provision that all staff work so hard to ensure for children and their families in our setting.

Upcoming Events and Important dates –

Week beginning Monday 10th February – Stay and Play days – sign up sheet available in entrance hall.

Tuesday 11th – Thursday 13th February – 3+ Health Reviews – sign up sheets in entrance hall

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half Term Holiday.

Wednesday 26th February- Jo Jingles

Week beginning 23rd March – Parent/Teacher meetings – details to follow.



Birthday Boys and Girls

Happy Birthday all of these special boys and girls who will be celebrating their birthday this month ...

Yellow Class – Ana, Annalise

Red Class – Harvey, Evan, Victoria, Isaac

Blue Class – Jaxen

Many Thanks for your continued support, Pamela Muir - Principal

February Songs and Rhymes

Miss Polly had a dolly

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick
So she phoned for the doctor to come quick, quick, quick
The doctor came with his bag and his hat
And he knocked at the door with a rat-a-tat tat.

He looked at the dolly and he shook his head
And he said Miss Polly put her straight to bed
He wrote on a paper for a pill, pill, pill
I'll be back in the morning yes I will, will, will.



I am a Policeman

(sung to I'm a Little Teapot)

I am a Policeman, with my star,
I help people, near and far,
If you have a problem, call on me,
And I will be there, one, two, three!

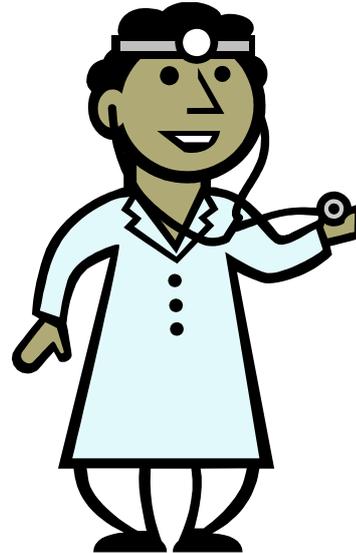
Doctor Foster

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester in a shower of rain,
He stepped in a puddle, right up to his middle,
And never went there again!

The Doctor's Song

(Sung to Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

I use a stethoscope
To listen to your heart.
To help you be a healthy child
And heal you when you aren't.



The Dentist's Song

(Sung to Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Brush, brush, brush your teeth,
Keep them clean each day.
Then you'll have a pretty smile,
And healthy teeth all day.

