



**April 2017**  
**Newsletter**

**T**hank you to everyone who contributed to Red Nose Day. The children were so excited to take part and come in their 'red' for the day and were delighted to have a red lunch and snacks. It's always great to see so many taking part. We raised £90.00 so far. Thank you

**A**fter the success last year with the vegetable plots (the children simply loved caring for and eating, 'their own' vegetables) we are keen to continue this year with more veg and fruit. We will be looking for parental input for digging, preparing and planting with the children. If you have green fingers, or even if they are slightly tinged, and could spare some time to help, please speak to Julie or Kirsty. Any other related suggestions on growing outdoors would be more than welcome. Look forward to hearing from you.

**T**he children's personal plans are now due to be updated. Staff will be asking you to review information recorded and discuss any changes.

**W**e are having a May Day table top sale/Book Fair on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 10am to 12noon. Why not clear out your clothing and toys the children have out grown and book a table for £5. Or if you have a small business or hobby and would like to sell, we would love to hear from you. We are going to put the funds towards further extending our outdoor provision. If you don't have anything to sell why not bring along family and friends for a browse or a cuppa. Look forward to hearing from you.

**Some dates to pencil in your diary :**

**Nursery Class only Children finish on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and return Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Spring Holidays :**

**The whole nursery is CLOSED**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**(OPEN AGAIN Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April )**

**Forth coming events**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Table top Sale/Bookfair**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 Sports Day 10.30-11.30am (weather permitting)**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (5.30pm start) Graduation for Pre School**



## Activities in March 2017

### 0-24 Months

When a child came in with a in with some jungle animals, we decided to focus our planning on the jungle, During this time we carried out a range of activities to make jungle animals which included painting and collage. The children enjoyed dressing up in animal play clothes and acting out animal noises parading round the room. We introduced an exploratory heuristic area, including wooden rings, steel pots, hessian bags which the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing with. They have used the materials to build towers, problem solve and of course bang together to make loads of noise.

### 24-36 Months

The children have spent time looking at people who help us. This came from one of the children bringing in his fire engine. Fire engines were put in the sand and pipes in water tray, to put out the fires! We made large collage figures for the wall, after looking at what people wear for work. Outside the children took out the trucks and diggers and spent time exploring in the mud pit. We shared lots of stories about fire fighters, police cars and ambulances, which appeared to be really popular.

### 3-5 Year group

This month we have been finishing up our focus on "Space". This has been a very popular focus with lots of the children showing a great deal of interest. During this focus we looked at the different planets in our solar system, rockets and astronauts. The children had lots of fun playing in our "space station" and dressing up as astronauts.

We are now looking forward to springtime and all the changes that are taking place in our environment. The children have been busy painting daffodils and spring lambs, and making Mothers' Day cards and paper flowers. It has been great for the children to get outdoors and continue the focus exploring the garden.