

April Newsletter

Dates

Term Dates 2021-2022

Summer 2022

Thursday 21st April - Thursday 21st July (12:15 finish)

Half Term - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

This equates to 37 weeks and 1 day, which is 4 days less than the funded 38 weeks. If you have any queries, please come and see us. Please note that you are not charged for bank holidays and INSET DAYS.

Topic

As we enter the first half of our Summer term we will be looking at Fairy tales. We will be retelling stories using puppets and props; making story maps and acting them out. We will look at characters and settings and talk about the order of the story; being able to sequence the events etc

Hours

Just a reminder that our hours have changed slightly and are now 9am to 12pm; 12pm to 3pm or 9am to 3pm. We still offer a breakfast club/early drop from 8am and three after school clubs on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 4pm. The cost for these after school clubs is £8 for a 3 year + child and £12 for a 2 year old.

If you will be staying with us in September please can we ask you to have a think about what hours you may require and let us know. This means that we can place you on the register so you get your choices. Also if you are thinking of making use of our after school provision

please can you let us know. At present numbers are very low and it will become unviable.

School transition

By now you should all have heard what school your child has been placed in for next year. We hope that you are all happy with your placements. If you are not and are wanting to appeal, please make sure you accept the place you are given and then appeal to the school that you wish to attend. If you don't accept the place given then your child comes out of the system and then the council have the right to place you anywhere. If you could let us know which school your child has got then we can make arrangements with the school, to make your child's transition go smoothly.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

As you may be aware the Government is overhauling its benefit system and will now be removing tax credits and replacing them with the universal credits. This may affect how much you are bringing into your household. If you are on any type of credit, please click on the link below to see if you qualify for EYPP as this enables us to provide your child with extra resources. If you do qualify please come and see us and we can give you a form to fill in.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/families/education-and-learning-advice-for-families/early-learning/parents-guide-to-the-early-years-foundation-stage/early-years-pupil-premium>

Jubilee Big Tea

We are in the process of making arrangements to celebrate the Queens Jubilee by having a big Jubilee picnic at preschool. We are planning for this to take place on May 27th from 12.00pm, all parents and children will be invited. We will be asking all families to bring in

some party food and fingers crossed we will all have a big picnic in the garden, complete with some games and music. We will send out an email shortly with the full details, please keep an eye out for this but in the meantime, save the date.

Holiday Club

You may have seen on our Facebook site, that we are considering running a holiday club for one week during the summer holiday, during the week of 25-29 July from 9am to 3pm. It would be open to all children aged 3+ and cost approximately £45 per day (funding will not be able to be used for it). If this would interest you, please register your interest with us. It will require a minimum amount of children per day to be viable.

Uniform

If you require any more uniform please let us know. We have a good selection of second hand jumpers for bargain prices! If however you wish to purchase it new. The costs are as follows:

Jumper £11

Cardigan £12

White polo shirt £7.50

Claire Beare is Fundraising

Claire will be taking part in an overnight walk to raise money for the Moon Walk Breast Cancer charity, in memory of her Mum, on Saturday May 14th. She will be holding a bake sale at preschool on Wednesday 11th May at both, the end of morning session and at the end of the day. If you are able to donate, she would be very

grateful, below is a link for her fund-raising page, but she will also have a collection box with her on the day. Thank you in advance.

<https://walkthewalk.enthuse.com/pf/claire-beare/post/1391943>

Request for help

Lastly, we are looking for a few bits and pieces for our outside area. We need some climbing ropes, a bucket pulley system and some kind of large wooden weighing scales that we can use in the sandpit. If you have any of these things lying around gathering dust or you are a bit of a handyman/woman that could knock us up something, we would love to hear from you.

Best wishes

The Totterdown Team