



The Old School House Nursery

1st half New Year/Spring Term 2018 Newsletter

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A Happy New Year to everyone
and warm welcome to Connor, Jessica, Scarlett and Bertie who start this term.

Don't forget we are able to offer wrap around care at the start and end of sessions - if you are interested then please contact Angela for the respective conditions & rates.

Please remember to bring your child's BOOK BAG each day for transfer of communication plus much loved art work and crafts that have been made. If you have lost yours or don't have one for some reason then please let any member of staff know and we can get it replaced and added to your invoice. Many thanks x

This term we are continuing with the children's interest in the seasons as we investigate all things to do with ..

WINTER ... ICE ... SNOW

as we feel, count, talk about and play with ...



our Polar Bears / Penguins / Seals in the builders tray with Ice and Shaving foam.



The Big Garden Bird Watch sees us Using our binoculars to see the birds, making birds from playdough with feathers and identifying birds.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Celebrating **THE YEAR OF THE DOG**. We will Role play with a restaurant, creating cherry blossom threading dragons, try our hand at Chinese writing and at Chinese symbols. We will also be tasting noodles at snack time, prawn crackers, fortune cookies and a chance to try our hand at using chopsticks!

Week beginning _____ Sound _____

Thurs 4th Jan

Settling in

Winter in our role play
Snowman

Mon 8th Jan

Aa

SNOWBALLS

Artic Animals in
foam/ice

Mon 15th Jan

Bb

SNOW SPORTS

Snowflakes on
Mirrors

Mon 22nd Jan

Cc

Chinese New Year

Year of the Dog

Lanterns, Cherry Blossom
Food Tasting

Mon 29th Jan

Dd

BIG GARDEN WATCH

Counting Birds on the Table
Using binoculars
Feathers

Mon 5th Feb

Ee

**VALENTINES DAY
SPACE**

2018

12th Feb – 16th Feb (Half
Term for one week).

Return 19th Feb
End of term Thursday 29th
March.

Summer Term starts on
Tuesday
17th April – 24th July (Half
Term 28th May for one week).
PD day 16/4/18

Date for your diary - Thursday 1st March is World Book Day and Nursery will be open for breakfast 8.30 - 9.15 am (Cereal, toast, OJ) and a chance to share a book for anyone coming this way - mums/dads/ grandparents and siblings included.

(please remember children must be accompanied by an adult unless booked in as part of our wrap around care Early Start i.e. before 9am).

Donation of £1 per family (to BookAid) is suggested.

Also all children and Staff to come dressed as a book character ... who will you be ?



Date for your diary ... **Easter Playday in the holidays.** Thursday 5th April 2018 (to be confirmed). Continuing our Playdays this one is focused on Easter - egg hunts, rabbits, rolling eggs, chicks plus access to all nursery equipment.

A fun day 9am to 3pm (or 12noon/1pm) bring a packed lunch & drink.

Places limited

Forms out shortly

Are you helping raise funds for Nursery when on-line shopping ???

Remember all you need to do is to log on to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oshnstowmarket/>

we are already generating monies so join us today.



*Don't forget In the event of **SEVERE WEATHER** you will need to listen to the following radio stations -*

- Radio Suffolk 95.5, 95.9, 103.9 or 104.6 FM

Alternatively go online at <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk> or helmingham.suffolk.sch.uk

The Nursery operates in line with Helmingham CP School and as such you need to listen for the action being taken by this school on reports. In the event of severe weather during the day the nursery will contact parents by telephone to collect their child early.

Is your child ... FEELING POORLY / BEEN SICK

*Remember if your child is ill they **MUST NOT** return to Nursery until they have been clear for 48 hours. The best place for a child full of cold, feeling 'under the weather' is cuddled up at home.*

Hot School Dinners

Tasty and freshly prepared by Helmingham School Cook next door – delivered to Nursery.

Full Menu on display in the cloakroom – just order on arrival.



Nursery '**SPECIAL TABLE**' is in the Blue Room - where we meet and chat and finish each session. Please put items here so we can include them in our discussion with the children.

Please try and link the item to the sound of the week as this helps the children make associations.

The Nursery has a Mobile Phone that can be taken out on walks, outings etc. It means we are able to receive TEXTS if this is easier for you. However, you must ensure when texting that you include the child's name and your name in the message.



Our main phone is still the primary contact number for the nursery and has the ability for you to leave a verbal message.

The nursery mobile number is 07954 116861. Also in keeping with our Safeguarding Policy this mobile does not have a camera facility.

WEATHER & OUT DOOR PLAY - please provide waterproof warm coat, wellington boots, hat, gloves - ALL NAMED ! Plus spare FULL set of clothes on your child's peg.

We do have some waterproof clothing but if you have waterproof Trousers/suit please send them in with your child as they much prefer to wear their own.

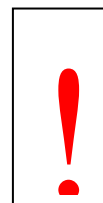
Thank you.



Important –

Please remember that when your child arrives at Nursery they need to be registered with the Playleader on the door.

It is extremely important that at this time any **Existing Injuries** are pointed out and in some cases it might be necessary to fill out an Existing Injury Form.



Your Nursery Committee are now planning for events in 2018 and dates will be rolled out shortly - so watch this space!

If you want to contact the Committee then please speak to Emily Styles our Chairperson at Nursery (Mum to Martha) or email eandbstyles@gmail.com

Emily & Martha



If you have something for the next Newsletter or have an idea we could include please let Heather know by emailing it to nursery for her attention.

Any queries regarding the GARDENING ROTA please contact Charlotte.

Questions regarding sessions/invoices remember to speak to Angela who is in on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon 2 pm onwards.

Many thanks

Please remember a full set of the Nursery Policies and Procedures are available to parents in the cloakroom area at all times.

